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A FLOOD OF CONCERNS OVER YARD

Estate expansion plan is flawed, say objectors

CAMPAIGNERS against the expansion of a Deal industrial estate have identified a flaw they believe could help sink the scheme.

The recommendation is for planning permission to be granted for 44 units and a builders' merchants at Minter's Yard in Southwall Road.

Since the plans were announced, residents have been in uproar, citing excess traffic on narrow roads – which already see more than 16,000 vehicle movements a month – as their main concern.

BY **MARIJKE COX**

Minter's Yard has a county council recycling centre and industrial estate next to it and those living close-by fear a leap in the number of vehicles using the road.

But following bouts of heavy rain in the past month, former Deal mayor Deryck Murray has taken photos of severe flooding at the junction of Southwall Road and Church Lane, near the entrance to Minter's Yard.

Mr Murray said: "This is one of many factors we believe will be good for our case. There is a problem with flooding here. A lot of us have planted *Leylandii* trees to help the drainage because the trees absorb a lot of water from the ground.

"This is a flood-plain. One resident who has a unit in Minter's Yard has machinery that has to be propped up, otherwise it sinks into the floor after heavy rain.

"We get localised flooding in this corner by Southwall Road and Church Lane, so we cannot have more traffic.

"You get subsidence with heavy traffic – roads on a flood-plain will sink.

"Also, if the roads are flooded, cars will not be able to get through, again causing congestion."

Mr Murray has written to Dover

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KEEP A LOOKOUT

English Heritage has recreated the Admiralty Lookout at Dover Castle as it was 90 years ago, during the last days of the Great War.

Reproduction furniture and stereoscope binoculars have been set up to show the conditions that soldiers would have worked in as they kept 24-hour watch over the Channel.

The new display, within the ground-floor Army Fire Command Post, will be on public view from Friday and gives a vivid impression of Dover Castle's role during the First World War.

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Town hospital gets a clean bill of health



CAMPAIGN: Victoria Hospital in Deal has not had any cases of *C diff* or MRSA in six months

BY **MARIJKE COX**

VICTORIA Hospital in Deal has been revealed as superbug-free following a hand-hygiene campaign by KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper.

The Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust (ECKPCT) has been working closely alongside KOS Media to ensure members of the public realise the importance of hand-washing in the fight against infections such as MRSA and *Clostridium difficile*.

Infection control and prevention methods have also helped result in no cases of *C diff* at the community hospital in the past six months – there were no infections from the diarrhoea bug or MRSA, either.

The campaign, which has run since February, highlights the importance of hand-washing and using the alcogel available in hospitals and healthcare centres across the county.

The scheme has not only targeted patients and visitors, but also healthcare professionals and managers.

Nicola Osbourne, Victoria Hospital manager, said: "Continuing to improve infection control remains our number one priority. "With the support of KOS Media, we have been able to run a very successful infection control campaign to raise professional and public awareness of the importance of hygiene.

"The campaign has been a great way to communicate the infection control message and is helping everyone to tackle infection.

"Our hospital has had an excellent track record recently. This is a clear sign that the infection control measures the PCT is undertaking are working."

A number of methods are used to help keep infections at bay, including training staff in the most up-to-date ways of preventing the spread of infection.

Rigorous cleaning methods and techniques are used in wards, and cleaning gels and hand-washing facilities are available throughout the PCT's buildings.

Philip Greenhill, chief operating officer for Eastern and Coastal Kent Community Services, said: "Hotel services staff conduct an independent weekly cleanliness audit in all our community hospitals and consistently record high scores.

"We have had no cases of hospital-acquired *C Diff* in the last six months in any of our hospitals and we are striving to keep it this way. "

Yard flood fears

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District Council and will attend a planning meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at 6pm with up to 100 other residents to hear their objections to the proposals discussed.

He said: "The committee was not even advised about the recycling centre or industrial estate adjacent to Minter's Yard. How can they make a decision if they haven't been given all the information?"

A DDC spokesman said: "We are aware of this correspondence and stress that the committee will be fully briefed on all relevant information.

"On Environment Agency advice, the applicants were required to provide a drainage strategy.

"Recommendations are made in the committee report and will be considered by the planning committee."

yourdover **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Bleriot bash

THE area where Louis Bleriot landed after the first solo flight across the Channel is to be cleared ready for the centenary celebrations next year.

Northfall Meadow, where Bleriot landed on July 25, 1909, has a memorial in the shape of his aircraft, but trees have grown and hidden it.

There will be three days of celebrations next year and plans to fell most of the trees to create a path are being considered.

Classic biennial

YOU can hop across the Channel on a SeaFrance Dover-Calais ferry and celebrate the fourth biennial Le Mans Classic.

The sporting event, running from Friday to Sunday, July 11-13, celebrates the history of the world-famous Le Mans 24-hour race and brings together cars which competed from the first race in 1923 to 1978.

For more information, you can visit www.lemansclassic.com.

Help your town

RESIDENTS are being invited to come and discuss the work being done to revitalise Deal and Walmer.

The meeting is being held at the next Deal and Walmer neighbourhood forum meeting on Monday at Deal Town Council offices from 7.30pm, with doors opening at 7pm.



Bond author would have loved golf day

BY **MARIJKE COX**

THE family of James Bond author Ian Fleming has hosted a charity golf day to celebrate what would have been his 100th birthday.

His nieces, Lucy and Kate Fleming, organised the day at the Royal St George's Golf Club at Sandwich and donated funds to the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

Special guests Ronnie Corbett and Bond girl Tania Mallett, who played Tilly Masterson in Goldfinger, attended the event, while Fleming's nephew, Michael, held an auction which raised more than £17,000.

The writer played regularly at the Royal St George's club and died of a heart attack after playing his last round there, aged just 56, in August 1964.

He wrote about the course, renamed Royal St Mark's, in his 1959 book Goldfinger.

Lucy Fleming said: "My uncle wrote three chapters in the Goldfinger book about a game of golf that took place here, so we decided to host the event here, too.

"It's been a wonderful day and the sun is shining.

"We chose to raise money for the British Heart Foundation as it's a fantastic charity that benefits a lot of people.

"They spend more than £100 every minute of every day on vital heart research. My uncle died of a heart attack, so we really want to raise awareness through today."

Sara Jane Woods, head of community fundraising at the BHF, said: "We were approached by the Fleming family and there was such a wonderful synergy because Ian very sadly died of heart disease. We'd like to thank Lucy and Kate Fleming and all the people involved in the Ian Fleming centenary golf day who supported the BHF. They play an important role in the battle against heart disease."

Twenty-one teams of four, all named after leading 007 characters, competed against each other before attending the lunch and charity auction.

Among the lots was a private showing for two in Leicester Square of the latest Bond film Quantum of Solace and a box at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium which was bought for £5,500.



FOR HEART RESEARCH: Tania Mallett, Ronnie Corbett, Lucy Fleming and Kate Fleming at Royal St George's Golf Club

Town's health could improve

DOVER Town Council has announced its decision to set up a sports committee to promote sport for health in the town.

All sports clubs in the area are welcome to attend the meetings, which will be held quarterly at the council offices in Maison Dieu House.

Cllr Pat Brivio, chairman of the committee, said: "It is important that sporting organisations know about the work of the committee and the ways in which we may be able to help.

"They, in turn, will be able to help us achieve the aims of the committee, one of which is to interact with local sports clubs to maximise or facilitate any development or activity opportunities."

The town council has also decided to become more involved in the Dover District Sports Network to show its commitment to promoting healthy living.

The Supporters Trust at Dover Athletic, Dover Rugby Club and many other clubs have already benefited from the support of the town council.

For more information, phone Dover Town Council on 01304 242625, or email council@dovertown.co.uk.

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Join Julie Maddocks as she hops over the Channel for bargains

Carnival ready to run after all the ructions

DOVER Carnival is set to take place this weekend, with organisers hoping for a massive turn-out.

Starting at 6pm on Saturday, the parade will begin in Lewisham Road in River, then move down Crabble Hill into Buckland Avenue, Barton Road, Frith Road, Maison Dieu Road and Castle Street into the Market Square.

The procession will then lead back up through the town centre, past the town hall to Bridge Street, finishing off in the Maison Dieu car park.

Motorists are being told to expect delays and are encouraged to avoid the main route.

Dover Carnival Association Ltd organised the event, which over recent months was subject to problems from a potentially critical dispute about starting times with the events committee at Dover District Council.

But now those behind the carnival are confident the day will be a success and are encouraging people from all around to come and watch the parade.

The new Miss Dover, Loren Selby, will have pride of place in the procession with her princesses.

Those wishing to enter into the carnival are asked to phone the carnival association on 01304 211776 or 07867 973029, or to visit www.dovercarnival.co.uk.

Your rubbish might make others happy

A GROUP in the Dover district is offering people the chance to turn their trash into someone else's treasure.

Originating in America, the scheme has spread worldwide and in the UK membership has reached a staggering 1,276,415.

Now Freecycle, created by Deron Beal in Arizona, has come to the district and caters for residents in Dover, Deal and Sandwich.

Users can post information about items they want to get rid of or ask for items they need.

Goods must be free, legal and something that can be kept from going to landfill.

Yvonne Price, from Deal, is one of the voluntary moderators of the group.

She said: "My work involves moderating new members for the first eight weeks to make sure all the right details are posted and things are written out properly.

"After that, people put their own postings up and the group runs itself."

Mrs Price got involved with Freecycle after she moved house and discovered how many things she needed to get rid of. She said: "If I'd have known there was something like this back then, it would have been great.

"There are two moderators in this area, myself and another lady called Ruth. We get a lot of good feedback – people are lovely and so grateful."

Since Dover Freecycle started, it has moved from strength to strength and has more than 1,800 members.

Mrs Price said: "We get a lot of different items going through. Just recently we had a canoe, a piano and a violin.

"Sometimes people who run clubs in the area come to us for help, too.

"We've also started up a café group on-line, so if people need a plumber, for example, or advice on something, people can reply with suggestions."

The scheme saves a massive 5.53 tonnes of goods going to landfill each month, with an average of 662 items given away.

To join the increasingly popular scheme, you should visit www.uk.freecycle.org and then look for Dover UK in the listings.

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Snappers to hide away with birds

A PHOTOGRAPHY course for beginners is taking place at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds reserve at Dungeness.

Expert snapper David Featherbe will be holding the one-day event on Sunday, July 13, from 10am-4.30pm.

An RSPB spokeswoman said: "The intention is that those attending leave us with a series of images that will inspire them to experiment further.

"They should bring their own equipment, *ie* SLR digital or film camera, as this course is not suitable for those with compact cameras.

"Also necessary are telephoto, wide-angle and macro lenses and a tripod. For Canon users, there will be an opportunity to take photographs from a hide.

"Likely subjects are little grebe, moorhen, coot, passerines, moths, pond life, various plants and lichens."

The days costs £40. Book by phoning 01797 320588.

Groups can cash in on extra funds

COMMUNITY groups have the chance to bid for cash to improve facilities in rural areas.

For the next three years the group Action With Communities In Rural Kent is administering two funding opportunities on behalf of the Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust.

These include £500,000 to be distributed among projects which will make a difference in isolated areas and a £140,000 grant scheme to support communities undertaking a parish plan for the first time.

The action group is a charity which works in all the county's rural areas.

Details of how to apply for the grants can be found at www.ruralkent.org.uk.

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Deadly submarine to be moved from harm's way

THE wreck of a First World War German submarine is being relocated from the Dover Strait as fears grow about its potential risk to shipping.

BY **MARIJKE COX**

The UB38 has laid on the seabed of the world's busiest shipping lane for 90 years but is now being moved due to increasingly deeper draught vessels navigating the south-west-bound lane.

The submarine, which went down with all crew on board after striking a mine in the Channel on April 11, 1918, is now set to be moved into deeper waters.

Marine experts fear it could start to break up and be a threat to cross-Channel ferries, tankers and cargo ships in the busy lanes between Kent and France.

The ship lies in shallow waters 77 feet below the surface – ten feet less than the internationally recognised safety depth for sunken wrecks.

Trinity House, the General Lighthouse Authority for England and Wales, is responsible for ensuring safe navigation on this stretch of water.

Jeremy De Halpert, executive chairman of Trinity House, said: "Over recent years there has been a noticeable increase in the number of deep-draught vessels using the Dover Strait.

"We have a statutory duty to ensure waterways within our remit remain safely navigable.

"In order to ensure this we have consulted with all concerned parties and concluded the best course of action available to us is the relocation of the wreck."

The company has appointed JV Titan Maritime (UK), Scaldis Salvage and Marine Contractors NV to do so.

Mr De Halpert said: "It is essential the clearance depth in this section is increased.

"This can only be achieved by lifting the wreck from the seabed and repositioning it in the vicinity which is clear of the deep-draught vessels' route.

"A seabed survey has revealed that it would not be possible to resettle the wreck where it currently lies, and the other option of marking the site with floating aids to navigate would only create greater restriction."

The plan is to now to drag the ship into deeper water, where it should not be affected by turbulence.

The 300-tonne U-boat contains the bodies of some 30 crewmen and is officially designated as a war grave. Among the human remains on board are those of its captain, Leutnant Fritz Gregor.

The UB38 was one of the most feared vessels in the German U-boat fleet and on its last voyage the doomed ship set out from Zeebrugge armed with six torpedoes.

It is thought the ship was setting out to attack convoys carrying vital supplies and weapons to American troops on the Western Front, as well as food for people in Britain, when it went down.

ORPHAN ANNIE'S GOT HER DOG



The Leas Cliff Hall was over-run with hopeful hounds auditioning to be Sandy in the upcoming production of Annie the Musical – as 'canine celebrity audition show' Dog Idol took place.

Pooches of all sizes took part and were put through a rigorous audition process when Aimee Walker-Reid – who plays Annie – called each dog by name and handed it a biscuit.

The animals were aiming for the part of Sandy, the faithful friend of little orphan Annie.

The competing canines were looked at for their appearance, obedience, response to calls and how they got on with the show's star, as well as whether they were 'star-struck' or not.

Other necessary talents included clambering into a wicker basket on demand.

Two were chosen for a second look – golden retriever Barney and border terrier Ollie – both of whose obedience and looks impressed producers Neil Hunnisett and Bob Osborne.

A spokesman for the theatre's Community Youth Project said: "In the end, after a nerve-racking final wait, Neil and Bob decided on Ollie as he and Aimee had quickly established a bond and looked great together."

The show runs from Wednesday to Friday, August 20- 22.





THEN AND NOW: Roger Husk enjoying his job with other nurses at Buckland Hospital and, below, as he is today

Alan sees both sides of service

'Definitely changes over 60 years'

SIXTY years on since the NHS was formed and Roger Husk from Dover has had his fair share of experiences of the service.

BY **MARIJKE COX**

Born just a month after the state-run system was introduced on July 5, 1948, Mr Husk spent much of his life working as an auxiliary nurse at Buckland Hospital, as well as being treated for cancer in recent years.

He said: "I worked at Buckland for 27 years and I've definitely seen changes over the last 60 years – certainly the attitudes of people.

"It's gone downhill fast. As far as I'm concerned, the hospital service is now really top-heavy. There are too many people in offices and not enough people looking after the patients.

"All the governors want so much more money and the poor nurses hardly get any.

"They've also cut the cleaning staff hours, but they still want the same amount of work done. Therefore the wards don't get cleaned as thoroughly as they should, hence MRSA.

"When I worked in the hospital, every Sunday morning the beds were pulled out right into the middle of the room and it was cleaned behind. Nowadays they get one of those scissor mops and push it through. That's not cleaning."

Mr Husk left his job at the hospital 16 years ago following problems with his back which meant he was unable to continue working.

But he remembers changes beginning to take place and wards shutting down as services at the hospital started to decrease.

He said: "I was involved when they began closing down parts of Buckland as I was doing hospital radio back then.

"They started closing down wards and staff were either being moved off to the William Harvey or transferred to other wards."

But Mr Husk experienced the other side of the NHS when he was diagnosed with cancer five years ago.

He said: "I've had about four or five operations, including two major ones on my lungs. The cancer spread to my lungs – I've never smoked in my life.

"The service I received was very good, but I had to go to Canterbury for my chemotherapy and the Royal Brompton Hospital in London for surgery because nobody would do it down here.

"In London a lot of the domestic staff, like cleaners, couldn't speak English. I'd try to be polite and say good morning, but they didn't understand.

"I'd rather have been dealt with locally as all my friends are here. Once I was in the London hospital I didn't get to see anybody much."

In October last year Mr Husk found out his cancer has gone and he has since finished his regular check-ups. But he still feels Dover should have a hospital for its residents.

He said: "I've signed petitions to get a main hospital for Dover. I don't think it will happen – £8 million for a community hospital, they're having a laugh."

Britain's health care is still envy of the world

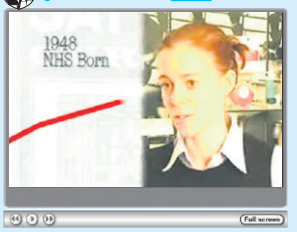
ON July 5, 1948, Minister of Health Nye Bevan launched one of the first health services in the world to the British people, with the aim of providing health care "free at the point of use".

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police send message to 'irresponsible licensees'

A STORE owner has been fined for selling alcohol to an under-age person.

Kanapathipilla Sritharan, of Cheriton Food and Wine Store, pleaded guilty to the offence at Folkestone court.

He was fined £300 and ordered to pay £363 costs.

The court heard the offence involved selling four bottles of Babycham to a person under the age of 18 on October 24, 2007.

The move follows a joint operation between Kent Police and Trading Standards Officers.

A police spokesman said: "As well as posing a serious health risk to children, there is a clear link between under-age drinking and anti-social behaviour.

"This prosecution sends out a strong message to the minority of irresponsible licensees that we will target you and take action if who sell alcohol to children."

Kent Trading Standards added that its officers relied on reports from members of the public about incidents of this kind and anyone who had suspicions should contact them.

Follow the River for a trail of colourful scarecrows

SCARECROWS will be dotted around River this weekend for the Scarecrow Trail.

People wanting to attend are asked to pick up a competition form and map from the village hall or Crabble Corn Mill, find the scarecrows, solve the clues and enter their form into the draw.

Top prize is a portable CD player, while those who create the best scarecrow will win £50 in vouchers.

Maps are free of charge for children and £2 for adults, with all proceeds going to the Kent Air Ambulance.

The event runs from 10am-4pm and there will be a barbecue from 1pm both days at the corn mill, with music on the Saturday evening.

First lady sworn in at club

A SOLICITOR from East Langdon has become the first woman president of the Rotary Club of South Foreland.

Pauline Goldsack took on her new role at the handover evening on Wednesday, June 25, and will serve as president for the forthcoming year.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Isle of Thanet Sunrise for five years, Mrs Goldsack then became the first female Rotarian of South Foreland.

She has served on various Rotary District committees, including international, community and vocational.



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The kitchen is headed up by **Chris Hall** (culinary supremo of the former **Bay Leaf Restaurant** in St. Margaret's), who brings his own brand of creative modern cooking to proceedings. A **passion** for **'local, free-range, organic and sustainable'** ingredients underpins his efforts and it shows in his seasonal larder: here you will find **Kentish** asparagus, Romney Marsh lamb, **St Margaret's Bay lobster** and other fish from the coast. Among the vivid modern dishes on offer might be line-caught mackerel fillets with sun-dried tomatoes and fennel seeds, Sussex goats' cheese fritters with beetroot pickle, organic pork with mustard mash, caramelised pears and apples, and desserts such as custard tart with rhubarb & **Kentish strawberries** with balsamic ice cream.

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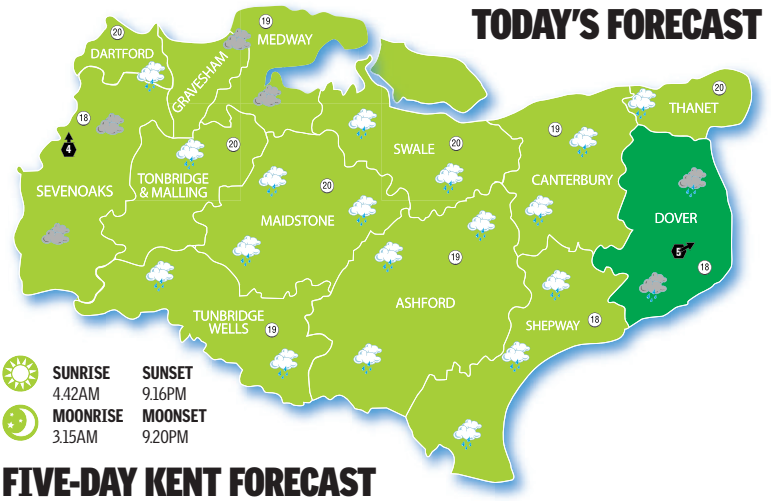
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Canterbury	24°C	20°C	18°C	20°C	21°C
Chatham	22°C	21°C	19°C	19°C	20°C
Dartford	26°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	22°C
Dover	22°C	17°C	16°C	18°C	19°C
Faversham	22°C	21°C	19°C	19°C	20°C
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Maidstone	26°C	20°C	20°C	22°C	22°C
Ramsgate	24°C	20°C	18°C	20°C	21°C
Rochester	22°C	21°C	19°C	19°C	20°C
Sevenoaks	24°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Sittingbourne	22°C	21°C	19°C	19°C	20°C
Tonbridge	26°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	21°C
Tun Wells	26°C	19°C	19°C	20°C	21°C

WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	1:37pm	5.9m
	Sunday	2:28pm	6.0m
Dover	Saturday	11:57am	6.5m
	Sunday	12:49pm	6.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:54am	7.4m
	Sunday	12:42pm	7.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:27pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:19pm	5.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:27pm	5.6m
	Sunday	2:18pm	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:34pm	5.2m
	Sunday	2:25pm	5.3m

AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	22°C	Madrid	34°C
Athens	33°C	New York	32°C
Barcelona	27°C	Paris	23°C
Beijing	25°C	Rome	29°C
Bombay	28°C	Sydney	21°C
Cape Town	17°C	Tenerife	24°C
Cardiff	18°C	Tokyo	22°C
Gibraltar	25°C	Vancouver	24°C
Hong Kong	28°C	Warsaw	27°C
Las Palmas	27°C	Wellington	9°C

Channel punters are saved by Coastguard

TWO sailors were rescued as they took out a small boat into the English Channel and could only make it go round in circles.

The purple-and-black punt – more used to the sedate waters of Cambridge's River Cam or the Stour in Canterbury – was spotted by a fishing boat as it floundered in the water with Ronald Hall, 33, from Folkestone and Jamie Crawford, 20, from Shepherdswell, on board.

The fishing boat's crew alerted emergency crews, who launched a rescue boat from the Coastguard cutter Anglian Monarch, which was moored in Folkestone harbour.

The tow-boat rescue spotted the small punt going round in the sea off Folkestone's Sunny Sands and managed to drag it ashore.

Both men on board were cold and wet and had to be revived. One appeared to have been drinking.

The pair were arrested by police officers.

A police spokeswoman said: "We got an emergency call at 4.20am on Thursday that a small craft appeared to be in difficulties. It was heading out to the open sea and that was naturally a cause for concern.

"One of the two young men on board had already fallen in the water and the other wasn't too happy either. When they got back on shore they were arrested."

Station's all of a buzz

RESIDENTS of Romney Marsh were puzzled by late-night noises last week – and some called Lydd airport to complain about low - flying aircraft.

But the airport was closed at the time of the incident and investigations revealed that the noise was attributable to Dungeness nuclear power station venting.

The issue has been sorted out and should not reoccur, said British Energy.

The airport was also keen to point out that planes were in no way responsible.

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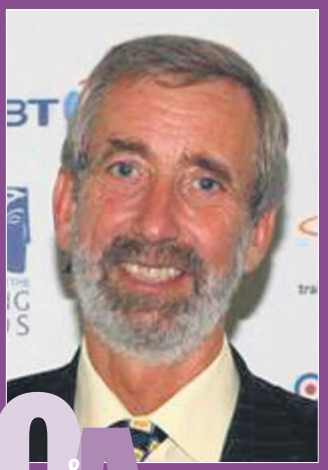
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QUESTION & ANSWER

RICHARD WALLIS



Richard Wallis, the head-teacher of Sandwich Technology School, talks to Yourdover about his move to the town, his love of the sea and the difficulty of achieving a work/life balance in such a demanding job

Q Who or what brought you to Sandwich?

A The opportunity to be head-teacher of Sandwich Technology School. My only previous visit to the area had been as an instructor for the Kent Schools Sailing Association. I found Sandwich to be a delightful place, full of interest and with a rich history.

Q What is your favourite thing about being the head-teacher?

A The wonderful opportunity that I have to give young people better lifetime opportunities. I also value greatly the opportunity to work with such talented and gifted staff.

Q What is the hardest part of the job?

A Knowing when to stop. The job could fill 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the hardest part is achieving a work/life balance.

Q What factors do you think have made the school so successful?

A Success is achieved in many ways, with learning at the heart of all that we do. Some of the key elements include a dedicated and gifted staff, along with curriculum opportunities that engage and interest our students.

There's the innovative application of ICT that brings to life most aspects of a child's experience across the whole curriculum range. Also there is a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities.

There are opportunities for young people to grow by influencing their own learning and taking on leadership roles and positions of responsibility.

Pupils are listened to and feel safe and cared for, and positive and meaningful relationships are built with parents and carers as well as members of the community. We embrace green issues and care for the environment.

There is no poverty of expectation and all those involved with the pupils know high-quality education is a vital component in ensuring pupils have a fulfilling and successful life and that all these stakeholders recognise they have a role to play in creating a dynamic and exciting learning community.

Q Your school has been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag for its environmental work. How did you feel to receive the award and what do think contributed to you being chosen?

A We were delighted to be awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag. The flag flies proudly at the front of our school and, along with the wind turbine, advertises our commitment to sustainable living. We are totally committed to green issues and are working continually towards greater sustainability.

We were aware of environmental issues long before it became high-profile. I had an opportunity to meet Al Gore, and his film An Inconvenient Truth further fuelled our quest to be eco-friendly. Although we have achieved Green Flag status, we know there is a lot more that we can do and a lot further to go – not only within the school, but in influencing local and national communities to become more aware. From a personal perspective, green issues have always been important – my initial degree was in environmental science.

Q You have just been selected to sit on the panel of expert advisers in the National Challenge initiative. Can you tell me a little bit about this?

A As a member of the panel, I will work with others to develop a strategy that will raise student achievement across the country. The expertise and experience that has helped STS be so successful will be shared widely to benefit all children.

Q What do you like to do outside of work?

A I enjoy any activity that connects me with the physical environment. Sailing is a huge part of my life, be it relaxing on board, cruising, or racing yachts. I play tennis, enjoy walking and read. It is also important to me to play an active role in the community in which I live and I am vice-chairman of the parish council.

Q What is your favourite thing about the area?

A STS is in a rural area with so much to offer, from a rich medieval history to an abundance of natural beauty. I value the friendliness of the people I have met in Sandwich and the surrounding area who have welcomed me with genuine warmth and helped to make my role at the school immensely satisfying.



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Veterans ready to take the salute at Dockyard

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

MORE than a thousand ex-servicemen from across Kent will converge on Chatham Historic Dockyard on Saturday to mark the second annual Veterans' Day.

The commemorative occasion has been chosen as the MoD Veterans Agency's flagship event in the South East and gives former Armed Forces personnel and their guests the chance to recognise the service and sacrifices made by their lost comrades and colleagues.

The day will also celebrate Kent TA100 – the 100th anniversary of the founding of the modern Territorial Army.

Both occasions aim to remember the efforts of veterans young and old who served in conflicts dating from the Second World War through to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Event organiser Bill Fowler said: "Veterans' Day at the Historic Dockyard will be an occasion for the entire community to come together in recognition of all our veterans – the older generation from the Second World War, the National Servicemen who sweated through the many bush wars, right through to the nations' sons and daughters of today who are doing the job in so many locations around the world."

The emotive day will start with a morning service in the Royal Dockyard church, followed by a range of displays and activities from the armed forces. Highlights include the Royal Engineers' drive-a-digger attraction, a climbing wall manned by the Army Cadet Force and infantry displays with the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.

Mr Fowler said: "Many of the personnel present at the displays will have recently returned from operations around the world and this event will be the best possible occasion for the public to meet them, talk to them, and to recognise them for the often difficult job they do so well. We may have our own views on the politics behind the reasons for our troops being deployed, but they still deserve our support.

"This is as much a day for the public as it is for veterans and current service personnel."

Veterans' Day and Kent TA100 celebrations take place from 10am.

Access to the daytime events is free to all veterans, former HM Dockyard staff and to serving members of the armed forces, with special offers available for their guests.

The dockyard galleries and attractions are open as usual.

Full details of all ticketing arrangements can be obtained by phoning 01634 823800, or by visiting www.thedockyard.co.uk.



ON THE MARCH: The Royal Marines Band at last year's Veterans' Day event in Chatham

DISPLAYS AND ACTIVITIES

- Drive-a-digger with the Royal Engineers
- Field hospital display with the Royal Naval and Royal Marines Reserves
- Mine-detecting with the Army Divers
- The Army Cadet Force climbing wall
- An inflatable assault course for children
- Infantry displays with the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment
- Food, culture and fearsome reputation of the Gurkhas from 36 Engineer Regiment

Enjoy the sun but don't risk your licence

THE light evenings and warm weather make this one of the busiest times of year for catching those driving under the influence of drink or drugs, say Kent police.

More than 120 motorists have been arrested across the county since a police blitz started two weeks ago.

A total of 753 drivers has been stopped and breath-tested by officers from the roads policing unit.

Acting Sergeant Mark Lamb, from the force's senior collision investigation unit, said: "People finish work while it's still light and warm and it's very tempting to stop off on the way home to socialise with friends and have a drink.

"There's nothing wrong with that, as long as the drink isn't alcoholic if you've then got to drive home."

Motorists caught under the influence of drugs or alcohol can face a driving ban, a fine of up to £5,000 or even be jailed.

Police said driving bans for one of more years can lead to an increase in insurance premiums, the risk of job loss, a criminal record and difficulty getting a visa when travelling to some countries.

A police spokeswoman said: "The long and light evenings and warmer weather mean people sometimes drop their guard and take risks they might not normally take. They spend longer socialising with barbecues, picnics and outside entertaining, which all adds up to longer periods of drinking."

Two people are killed on Kent's roads each week and statistics show that one in six of the deaths is because of driving under the influence.

Since the launch of the campaign the division with highest number of arrests, with 37, has been mid Kent, which covers Maidstone and Swale. The second highest for drink and drug-driving offences was Medway, with 29.

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'Failing' schools defended

BY **JENNA PUDELEK**

A LEADING Kent politician has attacked the Schools Secretary over a recent "naming and shaming" of more than 30 schools said to be "failing" across the county.

Ed Balls launched the National Challenge earlier this month which included a list of 638 schools nationally where 30 per cent of pupils fail to get A* to C grades at GCSE, including maths and English.

Schools face closure or could be turned into academies if they fail to improve by 2011.

Cllr Chris Wells, Kent County Council's cabinet member for education, wrote a letter to Mr Balls criticising the "questionable focus" of the strategy last week.

He told this newspaper he felt compelled to write because "someone had to tell him".

The list included 33 Kent schools, the most of all local authorities, which was put down to the county's selective system because the top 25 per cent of pupils go to grammar schools.

"I wonder if you truly understand the damage you are doing to the morale of teachers, headteachers and even pupils," he questioned in the letter.

Cllr Wells told Mr Balls that the authority had been inundated with letters of support from parents for Kent schools on the list.



UNDER SCRUTINY: Chapter School in Strood is one of seven 'failing' schools named in Medway by Ed Balls

"Stories that use emotive terms such as 'failing', 'closures' and struggling' do absolutely nothing to stimulate confidence among teachers, pupils and parents.

"In fact, each group has spoken out en masse in response to the questionable focus of your National Challenge," he said.

He called on Mr Balls to "stop this divisive campaign in the press" calling it a "political point scoring exercise".

Cllr Wells defended the county's schools, which he said had "an exemplary education system".

"I am also surprised you have not checked your facts," he wrote. "The schools in Kent you so boldly announced as struggling at floor level are in actual fact thriving and constantly improving."

He said two of the Kent schools listed had been described as outstanding in the latest Ofsted inspection and another 14 were classed as good. Cllr Wells said he expected all schools listed to have exceeded the 30 per cent target by 2011.

He also criticised the Government's academy programme. "The school I am most concerned about reaching this [target] is an academy, which if I recall correctly is the Government's flagship scheme for turning around failing schools. I am still waiting to see the results," he wrote.

A spokeswoman said the KCC was yet to hear back from Mr Balls or the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

The Government is focusing greater attention, help and resources on schools that are not meeting the target with funding of £400 million.

Forecourt price hikes fuel leap in petrol thefts

FUEL theft has risen dramatically across the county as prices at the petrol pumps continue to soar, new figures show.

Kent police say there has been a 24 per cent increase in reports of motorists driving off without paying for fuel, compared with last year.

Figures obtained by our sister paper Kent on Sunday reveal there were 896 such offences between January and May – up from 730 during the same period last year.

Meanwhile, siphoning theft has risen from 89 offences in January to May 2007 to 123 this year – an increase of nearly 40 per cent.

In the 12 months to June, the average price of a litre of diesel has risen by 40 per cent to £1.32, while the average price for petrol is £1.18.

And the Tunbridge Wells-based Freight Transport Association (FTA) warned that fuel theft could escalate further.

"The higher the price of fuel gets the more incidents there will be," said spokesman Geoff Dossetter.

The South East National Farmers' Union said members had reported an increase in thefts of red diesel, which is used to power farm equipment.

Petrol giant BP said it loses more than £1 million a year nationally through motorists driving off without paying. Brian Macdowall, Kent spokesman for the Association of British Drivers, said: "Soaring fuel prices will force garage owners to insist on pre-payment to combat rising levels of crime at the pump."

He raised concerns that if fuel prices continued to soar, small petrol stations could be forced to close.

Landscape feels wind of change on turbines

WIND farms are an important part of the future of power generation and will help to reduce energy bills, according to Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Kent is in the forefront of the development of wind turbines with offshore wind farms in the Thames Estuary already operating and large scale proposals put forward for an area near Marden.

Romney Marsh is the site of a massive £50 million development and controversial plans are being mooted for a scheme at East Langdon, near Dover.

The massive structures would dominate the landscape of much of the Weald and the Marsh wind farm – due to be in operation next year – would be the most visible feature for miles in each direction.

Last week Mr Brown won a narrow Commons vote which will speed up the planning process for wind turbines – which opponents say are inefficient, cause environmental damage and are an eyesore.

Some plans have been held up by objections from civil aviation authorities and the Ministry of Defence but these will now be settled outside the existing planning and appeal structure.

Protesters say this could mean objections will not get a proper hearing.

But in order to achieve a 15 per cent renewable energy target by 2020, the Government said 4,000 onshore turbines are required, along with 3,000 offshore.

The Kent Weald Action Group has been angered by the plans for a turbine taller than St Paul's Cathedral in the middle of the county.

Chairman John Webley said: "The turbine is being built in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – and one which does not receive all that much wind.

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Radio station plays it safe

PENT VALLEY Technology College in Folkestone has launched the Kent Safe Schools Radio station, which is broadcast over the school's internal sound system.

It follows a session in which ten students involved in a media community project had the chance to interview James Heming – a morning DJ for the radio station Invicta FM.

Having first recorded a 30-minute show for KSS Radio, which will be played across the school system during launch week, he then answered questions prepared by Natalie Lacey, Hollie Watkins, Emma Hunt and Amy Hambrook.

BY **NICK AMES**

The girls have produced a video film for the launch.

Mark Fagg, James Marwood, Ali Booth, Barrie McDonald and James Yorke, who have produced a show called 15th Lounge, then did an 'air check' with Mr Heming.

A school spokesman said: "An air check is when you listen back to a recorded show and analyze its strengths and weaknesses.

"The students really enjoyed this session and found James's advice very helpful."

Programmes produced include the Here For You agony aunts, chat shows and music – including a special drum and bass production.

The shows are also available on the internet at www.kssradio.co.uk.

BREAK TIME

Star opens fete

MATT SKILTON, star of BBC's wildlife show Roar opened the Lympne School fete on Saturday.

The show follows the lives of the animals and their keepers at Port Lympne and nearby Howletts wild animal parks.

A face mask competition with an animal theme was held, as well as maypole dancing, divas dance, Irish dancing and karate.

Joyce Rhodes said local organisations had helped with prizes for competitions.

She said: "We received donations and prizes from the Firs Club, Folkestone Race Course, Eurotunnel, Leeds Castle, Folkestone Sports Centre, Leas Cliff Hall, Keel Toys, Lathe Barn, Waitrose, Wildwood and Botolphs Bridge Inn and we are very grateful for their support."

Funds raised from the fete will go towards restoring the school garden, which has been unattended since the building was damaged by fire.

The blaze resulted in children from the school being taught in buildings belonging to the wildlife park while repair work was carried out.

Barracks visit

PUPILS from Pent Valley and Brockhill schools were given a chance to see what Army life is like at a special session on Friday.

They took part in an obstacle course, shot at targets on the range and spoke to soldiers about their experiences during the open day at Shornecliffe Barracks, Folkestone.



PROJECT BRIEF: Year nine pupils at The Folkestone Academy enjoy taking part in Architecture Week 2008

Space designers

FIVE year nine art pupils at The Folkestone Academy have been discovering their architectural talents as part of a project for Architecture Week 2008.

The project brief was to design a live/work space for an artist in residence within the school's locality.

The academy buildings – designed by international award-winning architects Foster and Partners – provided an ideal environment for the project, said organisers.

The pupils were encouraged to think about a range of design challenges, including environmental issues, optimising natural daylight, solar energy and natural ventilation.

Events manager Leila Appleby said: "The Folkestone Academy was delighted to be selected for participation in this exciting project.

"For students to have the opportunity to work with a professional architect at such a young age is invaluable.

"The group has embraced the challenge, coming up with some innovative concepts."

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The Open returns to Royal Birkdale ten years on from Mark O'Meara's victory and the emergence of a young amateur, now the top golfer in Europe, Justin Rose.

Golf's best known names including last year's victor Padraig Harrington* will descend on Royal Birkdale, one of Britain's finest golf clubs. Having previously hosted two Ryder Cups, the Walker and Curtis Cups, the Women's British Open and, on eight occasions, the Open, Royal Birkdale is the perfect setting for the Open this summer.

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Challenge to minister: see how great our schools are

'FAILING pupils at failing schools.' This is the ridiculous message that central government has sent to hundreds of children, parents and schools over the past two weeks. Why?

The debacle begins with the Government wanting a quick publicity gain and Gordon Brown hoping for some positive media attention, encouraging the Department for Children, Schools and Families to reel off a list of new initiatives. Unfortunately, no one is checking the detail.

The National Challenge should have been a success story. "Extra money and support to boost GCSE attainment."

However, the stupidity of coupling this commitment with a threat: 30 per cent of a school's pupils must achieve five A-C GCSE grades including maths and English by 2011, or they will be closed or replaced with an academy, has taken centre stage.

Not satisfied with threatening schools, Jim Knight, the minister of state for schools and learners, added that he had heard enough "excuses about poor performance".

But here is the question they should have asked: are these schools performing poorly, or could it be they are actually some of the best schools in the county?

GCSE scores are only one measure of a school's ability. There is another, previously much heralded by Government, called contextual value added (CVA). This measures the improvement made by pupils over the course of their time at school.

Child poverty in many deprived areas means schools have many pupils who may live below the poverty line.

Charles Dickens and Hereson in Thanet are exceptional schools when viewed this way. Hereson achieved a remarkable CVA score of 1023.8 last year, far above the national average, with Charles Dickens School attaining 1016.5.

What amazes me most about the Government's crass and ill-informed announcement is that ministers did not even check with Ofsted.

So they did not realise King Ethelbert in Birchington and Castle Community College in Deal are outstanding schools, and another 14 National Challenge Schools are good and improving.

I would have thought ministers could remember that some schools run vocational courses, which produce different qualifications.

Pupils, parents and head-teachers have responded strongly to this news and I have been inundated with letters from the public fed up with ministers' highly critical attitude.

Ed Balls, secretary of state for children, schools and families, then takes a vindictive swipe at grammar schools.

His attack is based on his personal belief that children feel like a "failure" at 11 years old. By making such a remark, it is Mr Balls who has labelled every child at a secondary modern school a failure.

Different styles of education suit different children. Kent is proud of its selective education system, providing the greatest parental choice, and we exceed national targets year after year, secondary moderns included.

So my challenge to Mr Balls is: do you read your own department's statistics?

I hope Mr Balls will accept my invitation to see the richly diverse schools that Kent has to offer and end his belittling and demeaning campaign against great schools.

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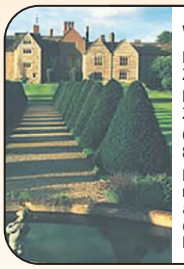
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HE dazzled for England and Arsenal and now he is set to bring some of his stardust to the silver screen as Ian Wright fulfils a life-long dream.

The former striker and TalkSport DJ and Gladiators host is now fronting Wright Across America – charting his journey from coast to coast on a Harley-Davidson.

Now a DVD to accompany the series hits the shelves later this month – and you can grab one of five copies we have up for grabs.

Released on July 21 by Liberation Entertainment, Wright Across America is a road trip series like no other.

Joining Wrighty on this trip of a lifetime is custom bike builder Nicky Bootz, whose tumultuous rapport and rocky relationship with Ian makes for compulsive viewing.

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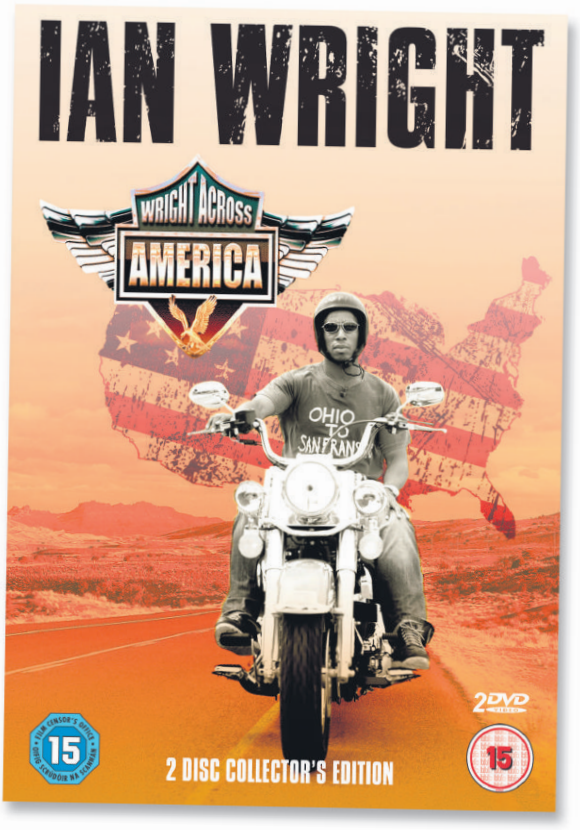
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TALK TIME

IAN McATHY



The water efficiency manager of Folkestone and Dover Water says that saving water is a vital part of plans to ensure a long-term sustainable supply for the area. The company expects to see demand rise over the summer months as the weather gets warmer and is making plans to ensure maximum efficiency.

What is the situation at the moment?
After winter and spring rain it may seem as if water is plentiful, but in fact we still get less rainfall on average here than parts of the Middle East. So it's just common sense to use water carefully.
There's no sign yet of a drought this year, but we still need to be careful with our use of water and make savings around the home.

Are there any benefits from saving water, especially to the environment, at a time when green issues are at the forefront of many people's minds?
There's also a double benefit to water saving as it helps to reduce carbon emissions, as well. It takes a lot of energy to treat water and move it around in bulk – and water savings bring significant energy savings, too.

Will this help customers as well?
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YOUR LETTERS

Legion should be thanked for service

It was a privilege to be present at the service at Deal Pier on Friday organised to mark Veterans' Day.

I reminded myself that without the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces, those of us who are elected members would not be enjoying the democratic freedoms which we take so much for granted.

On behalf of the members across the political spectrum, can I take this opportunity to thank the Royal British Legion for organising this moving event.

Cllr Ben Bano
Labour group leader, DDC

New generation must not feel nuclear blast

There is growing support in the international community for a new nuclear weapons convention that would provide a framework and timetable for disarmament.

The UK must start serious talks to eradicate nukes completely.

Only massive popular pressure can counter the influence of the defence industry. A wholesale shift to renewable energy could take place if the money and resources used to replace Trident were diverted for this purpose instead.

Seize the moment before a whole new generation experiences the horrors of a nuclear attack.

Mark Fletcher
Dover

Pride of town taken away with garrison

This is a reality check about the town of Dover in the 21st century. Don't look at the pretty seafront, come and have a real look at a town in decline. They took away our garrison after 1,000 years – they took away our pride.

R Evans
Dover

Overhead cables not only way for power

More overhead power lines can be avoided ('High output atomic plant could mean more pylons', Yourshepway, June 25).

Kent and Hastings Green Party members persuaded the developers of Little Cheyne Court wind farm at Romney Marsh, now under construction, that they should use underground cabling.

Of course, more employment than any nuclear option could be generated by better energy efficiency to help fight global warming and fuel poverty, and by ensuring each home and enterprise has microgeneration: solar water heating units and panels for electricity. This is a matter of will and Government priorities.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party

Don't believe myth of happy piglets

Animal Aid has visited ten English pig farms to check the pig industry's claims of high welfare.

Instead of the idyllic images of straw-filled pens amid leafy trees, we found squalor, disease and death.

Where the industry portrays pigs growing up outside with acres of space to roam, we found dead and dying piglets in overcrowded pens.

While pig farmers plead for the future of 'high-welfare' farms, footage and photographs on Animal Aid's website reveal the truth: that welfare standards on typical British pig farms are abysmally poor.

Kate Fowler-Reeves
Animal Aid, Tonbridge



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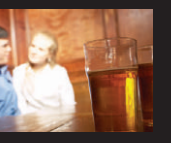
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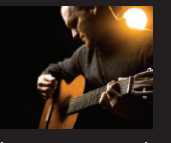
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BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

AGORAPHOBIC music-lovers rejoice, for this paper's in-house film crew continues to bring the best of Kent's singers and bands direct to your computers.

Our crack two-man team – cameramen extraordinaire Paul Jerreat and mic-wielding host Charley Vines – have rounded up the likes of Upcdownc, Tortilla Army and Sons Of Alpha Centauri to feature on The Ether.

The popular weekly video clips give each performer the opportunity to play two of their latest tracks before being grilled by presenter Charley over their inspiration, ambitions and forthcoming plans.

So there's now no need for music fans to have to frequent darkened, sweaty rooms to see the best up-and-coming artists, paying a small fortune for a pint of watered-down ale.

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Yes, you can check out the cream of the county's musicians at www.yourkenttv.co.uk – all free of charge and in your own home.

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An Ether teaser trailer has now been placed online, showing the bands due to be featured in the forthcoming days. A full back-catalogue is also available, with guests ranging from singer/songwriter Lupen Crook and fellow Medway act Aliquot Flow to Sittingbourne-based punk/rock band Los Salvadores and Ashford's My Life In The Making.

Here is a brief overview of what Ether viewers can look forward to.



Picture: DAVE STOCK

ONLINE: Upcdownc are just one of the many great Kent bands to be found on The Ether online music channel

UPCDOWNC

Sonic fans Upcdownc, who take their name from a well-known cheat, have carved out a strong fanbase with their instrumental soundscapes. Their latest album, Embers, was launched on Friday. You can catch them at Lounge On The Farm festival on Sunday, July 13, or at www.myspace.com/upcdownc.

LUCY KITT

Lucy is a laid-back Canterbury-based acoustic singer/songwriter. Her charm comes in her genre-hopping. On her Myspace profile she describes her sound as "some say folk, some say blues, some say grunge – you choose".

Lucy is playing at Zoo8 on Friday, or catch her at www.myspace.com/lucykitt.

TORTILLA ARMY

Rockers Tortilla Army have managed to combine heavy guitars with strong lyrics and vocals – a feat most rock'n'roll outfits can only half-achieve.

The Canterbury-based quartet are playing Lounge On The Farm on Saturday, July 12 – or see www.myspace.com/tortillaarmy

SONS OF APLHA CENTAURI

The Sheppey four-piece have established themselves across the county and beyond as rising stars, if you'll pardon the pun.

They describe their sound as "experimental, progressive, alternative". Add a few guitars and you're halfway there. Visit www.sonsofalphacentauri.co.uk/news.php.

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All the fun of the Quexpo fair

Traditional country show back after 22 years

QUEXPO Country Fair makes a triumphant return this weekend after an absence of 22 years.

Traders will flock to the beautiful Quex Park estate at Birchington, keen to recreate the atmosphere of the grand fair enjoyed by so many visitors until two decades ago.

Entries for the show have been flooding in from traders and enthusiasts and there will be lots for visitors to see and do.

Attractions will include classic cars, motorcycles, tractors, military and commercial vehicles, steam engines and craft and trade stands.

Four-legged friends will not be left out of the fun with the companion dog show. Lurch the vulture and other feathery creatures from the Many Hoots Owl Rescue Centre will be paying a visit, giving visitors the chance to see these beautiful birds at close range.

Traditional fairground attractions, live music, arena displays and a beer tent will help to make the weekend go with a swing.

Gary Page, of organisers S&S Leisure, said the response to the event's return had been amazing.

"During the last few weeks we have distributed about 30,000 leaflets and the response we are having is phenomenal," he said.

"We have more than 350 exhibitors already and the interest in the two-day dog show is huge."

As part of their preparation, the organisers looked at Quex Museum's archives and discovered just how important Quexpo used to be to the area. Visitors will be able to see memorabilia from 1979 to 1986, along with artefacts exhibited by The Friends of Quex.

"It was like a county show in Thanet," Mr Page said. "They used to get 40,000 people there. It will never be like that again because now you have shopping, computer games and things like that. But country fairs are very popular for families."

The list of attractions goes on and on – Quex Bell Ringers will be demonstrating their talents, while radio-controlled cars pick things up a gear. Mr Page has a 1938 'hook a duck' game that he will be exhibiting and there has been no shortage of local car fans eager to show off their treasured motors.

"For Quexpo, we have tried to use all local services," Mr Page said.

"For example, the printing was done in Broadstairs and the publicity was done in Birchington. We are trying to put money back into Thanet."

The event will run from 10am to 6pm both days. Admission costs £6/£5 for adults, £4 for children and £20 for families of four.

For more information, phone S&S Leisure on 01227 700894 or 07767 620784, or email mjdfashion@hotmail.com.

The organisers would like to thank Southern Staffords for running the dog show, along with Bike Shed and Pet Bling for sponsoring the prizes.

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DEAL will be alive with the sound of music when the annual festival gets under way on Friday.

The festival features an array of concerts celebrating some of the best musicians across a broad range of genres. From brass bands to African drumming, there will be something for everyone in this year's programme.

One of the highlights of the first week will be a powerful performance by the Tibetan monks from Tashi Lhunpo Monastery at St Mary's Church, Sandwich, at 7.30pm on Sunday.

The monastery was founded by His Holiness the First Dalai Lama Gyalwa Gedun Drup in 1447 and the monks will perform The Power of Compassion, a celebration of Tibetan art and music, to celebrate the birthday of the current Dalai Lama.

They will also be giving a family workshop in their traditional Tibetan arts and crafts at the church at 3pm.

Prices for concert tickets vary and festival season tickets are also available.

For full details of the festival programme, phone 01304 381134, or take a look at the website at www.dealfest ival.co.uk.



ALL STAR WRESTLING

Friday, July 4
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

GET ready for a knockout evening of entertainment when All Star Wrestling comes crashing into Folkestone. US superstars prepare to do battle with home-grown heroes in the American Superslam action as the best talents from both sides of the Atlantic head for the ring.



French Canadian former WWE tag stars Pierre Lafitte and his partner Rene Dupree will be leading the charge from across the pond, with help from Cincinnati Kid Chad Collyer and Ring of Honour star Bryan Danielson, better known as the American Dragon.

The British side might quail when it sees the 6ft 9in mystery man Hannibal, but Liverpool's Robbie Brookside will be ready to fight back.

Brookside is now the holder of the Superslam Heavyweight title, having beaten the towering Broady Steele last month. His team includes James Mason, Nick Aldis, Robbie Dynamite and the popular duo Xtreme Dean Allmark and Kid Cool.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10 each or £30 for a family of four.

Phone the box office on 0870 4000 890, or alternatively book online at www.leascliffhall.co.uk.

For more on the full line-up, you can go to www.bigtimewrestlinguk.com.



THE FIFTH CONTINENT

Saturday, July 5
All Saints' Church, Lydd

A BEAUTIFUL piece of classical music inspired by Romney Marsh will be performed this weekend.

The Fifth Continent was commissioned by the John Armitage Memorial Trust to headline its 2005 concert series. The piece was first performed at Southwark Cathedral but will receive its Romney Marsh premiere at this weekend's concert, sponsored by the trust.

Countertenor Andrew Radley and The Chapel Choir of Selwyn College, Cambridge (pictured), will sing Ben Kaye's words to the piece. The music was composed by Paul Patterson, both elements being inspired by the beauty and history of Romney Marsh.

Both men will give a talk before the concert.

There will be 45 performers taking part and the programme will also feature traditional works by Handel. The event has the support of many conservation and heritage organisations. The talk starts at 6.45pm followed by the concert at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 from Field of Vision in New Romney High Street, or send an SAE and a cheque made payable to JAM to Liz Skilbeck, Friends of St Nicholas Church, 77 Rolfe Lane, New Romney TN28 8JL.

DOVER LEISURE

Go vintage for a day of rallying railway fun

THERE will be plenty of classic specimens to admire at the White Cliffs Country Vintage Vehicle Rally.

The event is hosted by East Kent Railway, in association with Dover Transport Museum, on Sunday.

Visitors can enjoy heritage train rides, classic car and motorbike displays, open-top bus rides and much more.

Phone 01304 620340, or take a look at www.eastkentrailway.co.uk.

Brawn and bravado to set the crowds roaring

GET to grips with a great night out when LDN Wrestling rumbles into Dover next week.

The exciting display of brawn and bravado will be held at Dover Town Hall in Biggin Street on Thursday, July 10. For more information about the wrestlers, see www.ldnwrestling.com.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £10/£8.

To book, phone 01304 240477 or 0871 220 0260, visit the website, or go to the Dover Visitor Information Office at Old Town Gaol in Biggin Street.

Couple will bring Mixed Emotions to evening

HUSBAND and wife duo Mixed Emotions will be performing at the New Inn in Harnet Street, Sandwich, tomorrow (Thursday).

The couple have been performing together for 17 years, covering a range of hits from the 70s to today.

For details about the venue, phone 01304 612335, or to learn about the couple, visit www.mixedemotionsworld.com.

Don't miss out on really wild music experience

THERE is still time to snap up tickets for a wild weekend at the Zoo Thousand and Eight festival.

The outstanding line-up features Mark Ronson, Dizzee Rascal, The Hives, Ash, The Cribs, Athlete and countless others at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park from Friday to Sunday.

Standard weekend tickets cost £99 for adults, or £50 for children aged six to 15, while standard day tickets cost £45 for adults and £25 for children.

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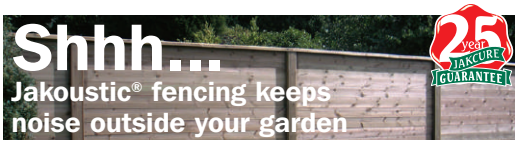
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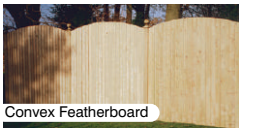
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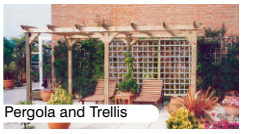
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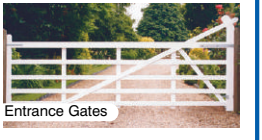
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SUMMER HEIGHTS HIGH
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BY **TOM BETTS**

WORD of mouth and the recommendation of friends whose taste doesn't want to make you vomit is often the best way to discover much of our popular culture.

When a TV show, book, album or event is hyped up and dressed in expectation, rarely does it live up to its billing, ITV American import Pushing Daisies being a case in point.

Often it is the shunned, untalked-about gems that make for the most satisfying viewing of all.

The feeling is enhanced by many in your immediate surroundings remaining oblivious while perhaps just you and one or two others enjoy the unearthed diamond.

Indeed, before it exploded into one of the most talked-about comedies of all time, no one really watched the first run of The Office when it appeared on BBC Two.

Series one slipped by unnoticed and it was the re-runs which slowly but surely drew people *en masse*.

It is with that in mind that we come to Summer Heights High, the best thing to come out of Australia since, er, um… oh never mind!

Think the aforementioned The Office meets teen drama Heartbreak High, with a dash of Home And Away thrown in for good measure and you're halfway there.

Shot in a mockumentary style, proceedings are dominated by show mastermind Chris Lilley, writer, star and creator. Here he takes three guises.

First is the young, egotistical, power-hungry drama teacher Mr G – a man for whom even the death of a student is not beyond exploitation as he strives towards his ultimate goal of having a new performing arts centre named in his honour.



GEM: Creator of Summer Heights High Chris Lilley (right) is behind some undiscovered gold

Secondly we meet Ja'mie, a vacant, vain, teenage Paris Hilton-a-like whose unending quest to be 'hot' appears never ending.

But, as funny as these characters are, and they are very good, the real star of the show is Lilley as Jonah Takalua, a teenage Polynesian Aussie with Attention-Deficit Disorder and a penchant for petty mischief and break-dancing.

This portrayal of a disruptive classroom influence who is in equal parts both obnoxious and charming is one of the best comedy characters of recent years.

One critic has already called Jonah the voice of a generation and anyone who has spoken to a 13-year-old teenage boy of late may well agree.

Take a chance on this and make sure you tell your friends when you discover its sheer brilliance.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
WORKING alongside a partner helps you achieve a cherished dream. Between your passion and your associate's know how, you race through obstacles like a hot knife through butter. Don't be surprised if your sex drive soars as the weekend approaches.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aquarius 09067-531762

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
YOU'RE making great progress at work. An authority figure is especially impressed with your progress and could offer you a promotion. If you feel like your efforts aren't being recognised go for a new job. You could be offered a position that more in keeping with your talent.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Pisces 09067-531763

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
GOING on a romantic adventure is a great idea this week. Work demands could pick up throughout the next few days. You'll be expected to churn out perfect results in record time. Under the circumstances, asking for a raise will seem perfectly reasonable.
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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
A PASSIONATE encounter puts a spring in your step. This is a good time to finish any projects. Once this job is done, your lifestyle will become much easier. Launching a website or blog could draw favourable attention. There's no better way to demonstrate your expertise.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Taurus 09067-531753

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
YOUR powers of persuasion are irresistible. There's never been a better time to approach someone sexy for a date. The two of you generate lots of chemistry. The long-term prospects of this pairing are unclear. One thing is for sure: being in this person's company is exhilarating.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Gemini 09067-531754

CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
YOU may have to spend money to make money. This is difficult for a cash conscious person like you, but it's vital to invest if you're going to get ahead. Fortunately, the funds you need are readily accessible. A business or romantic partner may be nervous about your plans.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Cancer 09067-531755

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
A CHILD or lover could inspire a creative project. The more time you devote to this type of work the more you realise you can't cope with a boring job. Fortunately, several new sources of income are looking likely. Don't be afraid to leave a steady gig for a job with an element of risk.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Leo 09067-531756

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
WORKING behind the scenes brings impressive results on the home front. If you've been unhappy with the way your life has been going, start a journal. Make lists of things that bring you happiness. The more you focus on joy, the easier it will manifest in your life.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Virgo 09067-531757

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23)
FRIENDS want you to make a bold move, and who are you to refuse? It's good to know loved ones have faith in your abilities. Still, it may be best to keep your initial efforts a secret. A new career path could open quite suddenly. Some serious discussions are needed.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Libra 09067-531758

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
DON'T be afraid to exercise your authority at work. Thanks to your quick thinking, you could save your company a great deal of money and extra work. Joining a team or organisation will be in your best interests. The people you meet will enrich every aspect of your life.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Scorpio 09067-531759

SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21)
SHARING your knowledge makes you a hot commodity. Don't be surprised if you,re offered to teach a class or write a book. People respond favourably to your passion and encouragement. If you're forced to compete for a job, be a little aggressive.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Sagittarius 09067-531760

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
YOU could undergo a powerful transformation. A close relationship has prompted you to take a close look at your hopes, wants and dreams. All of a sudden, doing the practical thing doesn't seem so important. Following your heart is your first priority.
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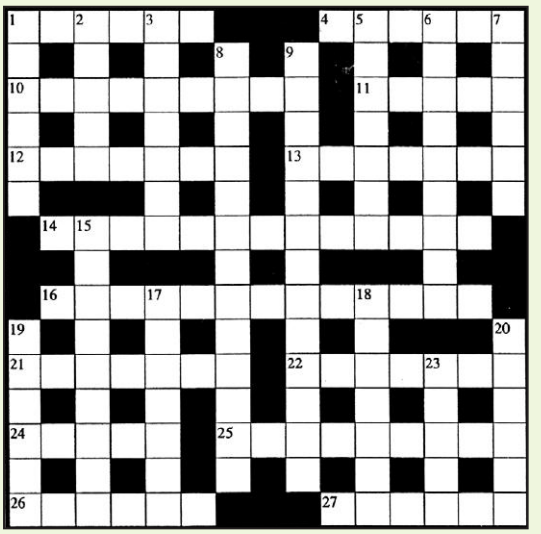
ACROSS

1 Shameless brother, a Buddhist (6)
4 One aim involving lack of social standards (6)
10 Said paper might vanish (9)
11 Language of some suburban Turks? (5)
12 Stick globule onto sweet (7)
13 Ill child's overcoat (7)
14 As a rule it is wonderful (8,5)
16 Protracted agony of patient (4-9)
21 Charles' sister had vehicle frame (7)
22 Join again king embracing former queen (7)
24 Where in France one gets German agreement on board (5)
25 Looked longer at revised tour dates (9)
26 Impertinent feature before last Friday (6)
27 Adams' concoction is intended to appeal to the general public (6)

DOWN

1 Some abode Gary found contained wine-shop (6)
2 Like Samuel to be in Indian state (5)
3 Purple ruler (7)
5 Surprisingly unable on the point of producing some misty appearances (7)
6 Timely shooter? (6-3)
7 Shares in the union (6)
8 Means of driving aeroplane forward? (3-10)
9 Itís novel having fruit from the cape (6,2,5)
15 Hurry up, appear to be quick (4,5)
17 After AGM's confusion request respirator (3-4)
18 Stored a crumble that had been baked (7)
19 Imitating the sound it represents with city area head office in charge (6)
20 Leaving the book (6)
23 Sheís not a mother either (5)

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ACROSS

1 Unrestrained (6)
4 Chopsy (anag.) (6)
10 Type of camera lens (9)
11 City in northern Italy (5)
12 OT book (7)
13 Patterned flooring (7)
14 Season of plays (5,8)
16 Younger relatives (13)
21 Try (7)
22 Portico at west end of an early church (7)
24 Arrest (3,2)
25 Absolute (3-3-3)
26 Lethal (6)
27 Palmate (6)

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1 Halter (anag.) (6)
2 Flow regulator (5)
3 Fallacy (7)
5 Japanese warrior (7)
6 Work out (9)
7 Decorated (6)
8 Merrymaking (13)
9 Merciful (13)
15 Fictitious land (9)
17 In name only (7)
18 Confuse (7)
19 Obstructed (6)
20 Went out (6)
23 Destructive weapon (1-4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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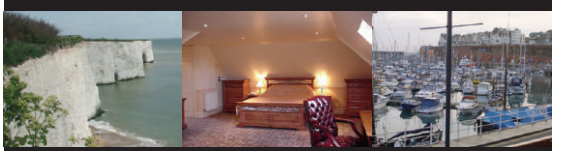
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Desire and guilt are complicated by love and friendship in this real-life tale set in London and the Welsh countryside. Two free-spirited women are connected by the poet who loves them both. The passion and pathos of poet Dylan Thomas (Matthew Rhys) is told through the lives of two extraordinary women.

Chivalric to the end

BY **KATE WHITING**

WHEN you meet an actor who has been elevated to the ranks of Hollywood's next big thing, like James McAvoy, you don't expect his first words to be an apology.

But this was what happened when we were introduced at London's swish Dorchester Hotel.

"When we were in the elevator, you let me go first and I felt terrible because usually, in a daft way, I let the lady go first.

"It was the most awkward moment in my life!" he says, laughing.

He genuinely seems very concerned by this momentary lapse in his usual chivalry, somewhere between the hotel's ground and first floors.

Slightly flushed, since it is James McAvoy, I reassure him all is well before we get down to the important business of discussing his new film Wanted.

At 29, the diminutive Scottish actor has a string of critically acclaimed films to his name and even a Bafta nomination earlier this year for Atonement.

But he remains as modest and down-to-earth as the young man who first came to our attention four years ago in Channel 4's Shameless.

It's been well documented that he lives in a modest London flat with actress wife Anne-Marie Duff, drives a 10-year-old Nissan Micra and doesn't really like 'flashy' awards ceremonies.

He even admits he was astounded when the studio cast "somebody like me" as the lead – an action hero – in Wanted.

"It was before Last King Of Scotland had even really hit and Atonement hadn't come out," he explains.



DIFFERENT: James McAvoy stars in the action movie Wanted – with Angelina Jolie

"Nobody really knew who I was over there [in Hollywood] and I just thought that they were being really brave casting somebody who isn't usual action hero fodder and thought 'Well, they're trying to do something different'."

McAvoy plays Wesley Gibson, an average American office worker who is disillusioned with life. He hates his job and doesn't even care that his best mate is sleeping with his girlfriend.

But his life changes when feisty Fox (Angelina Jolie) reveals his long-lost father has been killed while working as an assassin for her secret organisation the Fraternity – and recruits him to avenge his father's death.

Cue a Matrix-style montage as Wes trains to be a fearless killer.

Once on board, the actor, who played the scrawny, bare-chested fawn Mr Tumnus in the first Narnia film, had to hit the gym to be fit enough for his fight scenes.

"I'd rather eat dog poo than go to the gym, so the training was a big change for me," he admits.

Throughout filming in Chicago, Prague and Romania, James had to work very closely with Jolie – and she had plenty of advice for her co-star.

"The thing that I appreciated about Angelina more than anything was when she said 'Don't take yourself too seriously'. If you can't have fun making an action movie, then you shouldn't be doing an action movie'."

And then there was the scene where they kiss, as part of Wesley's revenge on his two-timing girlfriend.

"Ach, it's the same as always, you know what I mean," he says, looking embarrassed.

"You're worried and you're nervous and tense and there's loads of people looking and you kind of regret having that cigarette before the last take and the coffee and the tuna sandwich that you've just eaten."

So he's sticking to his story that kissing 'is never easy, never nice' – even when it's Angelina Jolie.

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BY **CAROLINE DAVISON**

MY first, and only, package holiday on a Greek island some years ago hardly lingers in the memory as a pleasant affair. I remember the place as dusty, full of flies, with little atmosphere and terrible cuisine.

But almost as soon as I landed on Lemnos, an island in the Aegean Sea, I sensed it could be time for a rethink. In basking sunshine, the locals put on a welcome at the airport. It was explained on the coach ride to the resort that the islanders believe a blessing on the first foreign arrivals of the year brings them luck.

Our base for a week of watersports and land-based activities was Portomyrina Palace, a four-star hotel set on a hill above a quiet bay.

That first lunch set a standard for the rest of the week: an impressive buffet including pork in a creamy sauce and an array of salads, breads, cheeses and cold meats, finished with a choice of Greek pastries and chocolate cake.

The welcome meeting explained our options for the week ahead. Although some activities cost extra – scuba-diving, excursions, spa treatments and the offer of any official qualifications taken – virtually all are included in the price of the package, and taster sessions were on offer.

The Children's Club, keen to entertain two- to 12-year-olds, is also included in the package.

I was there for the action and my first day boasted a pretty exhausting mix: scuba-diving, waterskiing and tennis. My timetable also showed the evening as punch and dips on the lawn, followed by a quiz night. Could this hotel get any better?



BEAUTIFUL: If the excitement of water sports are too much for you, Lemnos also has a variety of beaches to relax on

On four evenings of the week, the Portomyrina provides a buffet, while the other three are left free for those who want to do their own thing. During the week we also tested the local cuisine in the nearby capital of Myrina. Fortunately, restaurants – of which there were a vast array – catered both for families and romantic couples.

Next day, I was ready for more excitement and strode up the beach for a waterskiing lesson. How hard could it be, simply getting pulled along by a boat?

The boat set off at what seemed like a million miles per hour. Not so easy now. I stayed on for a good few minutes, but nature took its course and a wave put me down and pulled the skis from my feet.

However, over the course of the week there was much more to try, including sailing, kayaking and catamaran rides, but by far the most rewarding for me was windsurfing. I also tried a scuba-diving taster in the swimming pool.

By the final day, nearly all my aches had gone and I felt my fitness levels had quadrupled in just a week.

In seven days, an unfit office worker had been transformed into a sport-obsessed Amazon – possibly never again to contemplate a 'fly and flop' package.

FACT FILE: GREECE

Time difference	UK + 2hours
Capital	Athens
Population	11.2million
Currency	Euro (1.2 to £1 approx)
Religion	Christian
Climate	Mediterranean
Language	Greek

Holiday details

Caroline Davison was a guest of Neilson Active Holidays, which offers seven-night packages this summer at the Portomyrina Palace from £539 per person, and from £429 for two- to 12-year-olds, including return flights from Gatwick, transfers, breakfast and lunch daily and four buffet dinners.

Also included are most activities, on water and land, with tuition, and Children's Club.

There are no direct flights into Lemnos from Manchester and Glasgow, so travellers make their own way to Gatwick.

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Repayment help may be at hand

PEOPLE facing having their homes repossessed could be protected by a new mortgage rescue scheme run by housing associations, under plans being considered by ministers.

The downturn in the housing market has seen a number of unregulated firms offering to buy properties from people struggling to pay their mortgages, but usually for prices well below market value. They then rent back these homes to the sellers on a short-hold tenancy, while they wait for the market to pick up – offering little long-term security.

But the National Housing Federation now wants housing associations to increasingly step in and offer to buy homes at risk of repossession at a fair price, as part of a new nationwide mortgage rescue service.

The associations would then offer the seller the chance to buy back under a low-cost ownership arrangement when their financial situation improved, or to remain permanently in their homes as rent-paying tenants.

The paper, Protecting Households, Delivering Homes, argues Government cash already committed to building new social homes should be used to help run fair mortgage rescue schemes.

Demand for new homes on the up

DEMAND for new homes continues to exceed supply in the South East despite the slowing market, says a new report from market experts Knight Frank.

The area experienced the greatest overall price growth last year, averaging seven per cent capital growth in 2007; the UK average is five per cent.

Liam Bailey, head of residential research at Knight Frank, said: "The South East's housing market continues to outperform the UK average because of the region's economic strength: strong productivity, high rates of employment and the fact median earnings are on average ten per cent higher than the national average have contributed to an additional market driver – wealth.

"Improvements to the region's transport links, such as the high-speed rail link, are also likely to be an important driver of future growth.

"Markets targeted by investment, regeneration, improved transport and employment opportunities will witness higher than average market activity."

Protect your little ones from harm in the home

BY **NICK AMES**



A LIST of top tips to keep children safe in the home has been compiled to help parents worried about the possibility of accidents.

With 40 per cent of all accidental injuries involving youngsters occurring at home or in the garden, Bryant Homes believes that by following some simple steps the number of accidents could be significantly reduced.

Jane Stockwell, the company's regional sales and marketing director, said: "Many of the accidents in our homes can be easily avoided, which is why we're committed to helping our customers improve the safety of their homes.

"Buying a new home could actually help reduce the number of accidents further with modern layouts and appliances, and a blank canvas in which to highlight any potential dangers."

The list of safety tips is as follows;

- Alarms: make sure you have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home to provide warning if a fire starts.
- Poisons and cleaning products: keep cleaning products, first aid items and medicines either in a locked cupboard or in a high place out of reach of children. Similarly, when buying these products, look for child-resistant tops.
- Electrical appliances: cover unused electric sockets. Make sure electrical items are tidied away when not in use so that small hands can't pull them off high surfaces.
- Window locks: as well as keeping people out, they keep little ones in. Make sure keys are kept out of sight to prevent temptation.
- Running baths: always run the cold tap first and add hot water to the right temperature. Tap protectors can also be bought, or fit a thermostatic mixing valve on your hot tap to prevent scalds.
- Choking hazards: clear small items from counter tops and tables and keep items with small parts that could break off away from young children. Keep items such as sewing kits, stationery and coins in locked cupboards or out-of-reach cabinets.
- Stairs: particularly with small children, fit safety gates to both the top and the bottom of the stairs and make sure steps are clear of debris to minimise potential trips and tumbles.

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Renault makes its SUV debut with the Koleos

KENT Renault dealers are launching the French brand's first-ever 4x4 SUV or 'crossover' this month.

The Renault Koleos is claimed to mix the comfort and practicality of a hatchback with genuine off-road ability and incorporates 4x4 know-how from sister brand Nissan.

A typically refined yet powerful 2.0-litre Renault diesel engine is offered with two outputs – 150bhp or 175bhp.

Gary Obee, at Motorline Renault in Canterbury, said: "The Renault Koleos is ideal for those needing plenty of space."



High-spec Freelander makes big impression

BARRETTS Land Rover in Canterbury and Ashford has welcomed a sporty new Freelander 2 version.

The HST (from £32,325) features a 2.2-litre turbodiesel, 19-inch chrome alloys, leather seat facings, heated front seats, sat nav, auto climate control and a Sport Styling Pack with bumper aprons, sill mouldings and rear roof spoiler, and sells in four metallic colours.

Barretts Land Rover dealer principal Mark Nicholas said: "The HST adds an even more muscular look to the forecourt, ideal for those with an active lifestyle."



Volvo's new 4x4 baby set for October delivery

FORD's new Kuga 4x4 is just out and now we know more about its half-brother – the Volvo XC60.

Both cars have been developed within the Ford empire by blending chassis expertise honed on the excellent Ford Focus with Volvo's acknowledged 4x4 nous.

So, we can expect the Volvo to be great on or off-road, even though billed as more of an SUV (sports utility vehicle).

The XC60 (from £24,750) is available for customer drives this October, with deliveries from November.



SAFE AND SOUND: The all-new third-generation Volvo V70 is derived from the S80 executive saloon, so it rides better than before, is more sure-footed and is incredibly well built

Generation X Volvo estate upholds the space tradition

VOLVO grew big on big, safe estates yet life is harder nowadays.

The estate market has been eroded by people carrier/MPVs and 4x4s and the Germans have muscled in with the Mercedes-Benz E-Class Estate, BMW 5-Series Touring and Audi A6 Avant.

Rising fuel and road tax costs have also weakened the Volvo wagon's hold on sales, but the latest V70 – Volvo's tenth generation big load-lugger – remains a tough piece of kit, especially in best-selling D5 turbodiesel form as tested here.

The all-new third generation V70 (£24,995-38,280) is derived from the S80 executive saloon so it rides better than before and is more sure-footed.

Despite Volvo's efforts to reposition itself as a 'driver's brand' though, the V70 is still not up with the Germans; there is a lightness about the steering and feedback, while some body roll counters that improved ride.

On the other hand, if you buy a big capacity wagon like this then practicality, comfort and a degree of economy rather than performance are greater priorities.

The car feels incredibly well built and while interior design is minimalist, the Ford-owned Swedish brand takes a pragmatic 'don't fix it if it ain't broke' approach to dashboard controls; you have the familiar Volvo figure outline for ventilation selection and a logical and premium stand-alone sound system – plus clear controls on the steering wheel.

Everything else is easily to hand and you wonder why some car makers complicate in an attempt to simplify.

The cabin is spacious and seating comfort excellent, despite the initial firmness of high quality leather seats, standard on our higher spec SE Lux model (£30,745).

Rear load space (815/1,600 litres) is easily extended by flopping the rear seats down; there are bigger capacities in this class, but an upright tailgate makes the V70 one of the most practical.

The in-house 2.4-litre D5 five-cylinder turbodiesel engine has been a mainstay for several years now, ably balancing power with economy. It is refined, but powers the big estate to 60mph in an impressive 8.4 seconds in manual form while still averaging well over 40mpg.

ROAD TEST
VOLVO V70

BY **STEVE LOADER**

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★☆☆
Image	★★★★☆
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★☆☆
Running costs	★★★☆☆
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★☆☆

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BUDGET MPVs

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WITHIN a few years, the MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) market has exploded into many different niches, the most affordable being the sector where competitors are derived from best-selling vans – the Citroën and Peugeot are also based on the same vehicle. Comfort levels are not as high, but these budget MPVs are popular with cash-strapped families. Small businesses love them too, because they can revert to their van role during the week and become the family holdall at weekends. Top-notch diesel options make them cheap and reliable to run.

FIAT DOBLO



NOT the greatest looking MPV, but the Doblo probably offers more space to the pound than any other. Odd looks disguise surprisingly good handling and comfort, with easy access via two rear sliding doors. Fiat diesel technology makes it attractive too, although it is best to go for the top of the range 103bhp turbodiesel to get anything like decent acceleration with a load – it hits 60mph in 12.6 seconds compared with the entry level 1.2 petrol version's 19 seconds.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★☆☆
Looks and image	★★☆☆☆
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★☆
Quality	★★★☆☆

RENAULT KANGOO



RENAULT invented the MPV thing with the Espace and then the Scenic, so the French marque was bound to compete in the budget sector. The Kangoo is both spacious and comfortable with a pliant ride. It is available – at a premium price – with a lively 80bhp diesel, although petrol options are competent too. Two rear sliding doors add to the car's huge high roof space efficiency and flexibility and there are 4x4 Trekka versions if you need the extra traction.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★☆☆
Looks and image	★★★☆☆
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★☆
Quality	★★★☆☆

PEUGEOT PARTNER COMBI



WE cheated on numbers this week, because the Peugeot (above) is also the cloned sister to the Citroën Berlingo Multispace – more common due to keener prices and higher sales when new. Probably the most refined if not the most spacious models in this class, the duo are pleasant to drive and have two rear sliding doors. The legendary power and refinement of their PSA diesels is also likely to tempt growing families, dog lovers or people leading a sporty lifestyle.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★☆☆
Looks and image	★★★☆☆
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FIESTA, 1.4 TDCI GHIA, 2007, insurance group 5 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather seats passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking trip computer 1 owner service history, panther black, 10000 miles, £9000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

HONDA

ACCORD, - 2.2 I-CTDi Ex 4dr, 978649, honda accord 2.2 i-ctdi ex 4dr honda honda maidstone drake & fletcher silver, 2007, 6000 miles, manual, diesel, 4 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £17989, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CIVIC, - 1.4 SE, 1265649, honda civic 1.4 se honda honda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher vivid blue, 2008, 10 miles, manual, petrol, 1 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, £13900, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

JEEP

GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

KIA

PICANTO, 1.1 ICE ME, 2008, delivery mileage only remote central locking front electric windows abs alarm air conditioning radio/cd, metallic black, miles, £6995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 862 6133 (TRADE)

SEDONA, 2004, blue, 44000 miles, £6995, WJ King Vauxhall, Farningham, 01322 862366 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, SANTANA PS10 Pick Up, gn55fem, immobiliser, power steering, tow pack, cd player, 4x4, ifor williams canopy. road tax is £180 per year on this vehicle. metallic green, 2000 miles, £9995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DISCOVERY, TDi, p, maroon, 100000 miles, £1500, kent, 07973715872 (PRIVATE)

LEXUS

GS300, GS 300 SE, 503461, remote alarm, central locking, full leather, electric seats, air bag, abs, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, climate control, electric windows, electric mirrors, 15'' alloys, blue, 130000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MAZDA

MAZDA2, 007 Mazda - 1.5 Sport, 1279649, metallic paintwork, mazda 2007 mazda 2 1.5 sport mazda mazda ashford drake & fletcher met grey, 2008, 3500 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £10995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MAZDA3, - 1.6 Ts2 5dr, 1277649, mazda mazda 3 1.6 ts2 5dr mazda mazda ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2006, 11800 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £9790, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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MINI

COOPER, 1.6 3dr, ls55olk, multi-disc cd player, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, automatic electric windows, cd player, radio, stereo, 15'' alloys, chilli red white roof, 19321 miles, £10299, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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CARISMA, 1.9 TD DI-D ELEGANCE 5dr, cv53szo, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, leather seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:10, blue, 49039 miles, £4994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

COLT, 1.1 Black Hawk 3dr, gk08ych, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, central locking, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests. insurance group:3, black, 50 miles, £6994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

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MICRA, 1.0 E 5dr, wk54efy, abs, air bag, twin air bags, electric front windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, retractable headrests, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, radio, stereo, arctic white, 8608 miles, £5299, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

X-TRAIL, 2.0 16V SE 5dr, vo54hbh, climate control, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, electric front windows, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, tow pack, automatic electric windows, air conditioning, radio, stereo, aruba blue, 11052 miles, £8998, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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206, - 1.6 S 2dr Tip Auto, 1219649, peugeot 206 1.6 s 2dr tip auto mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher black, 2003, 64000 miles, automatic, petrol, 2 doors, 2 previous owners, black, £5989, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

206, 2.0CC, 3895637, finished in silver with interior, silver, 47000 miles, £6495, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

PORSCHE

911 TURBO, 3.6 manual, 2003, black metallic with black leather, 17800 miles, £49950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CAYMAN, 3.4 S 2dr, 3.4 s 2dr coupe, 26000 miles, £33995, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

PROTON

PERSONA, 1.5 GLSi Saloon 4d 1468cc auto, s 1999, electric windows, power assisted steering, drivers airbag, sunroof, remote mirrors, radio cassette. green, miles, £1995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, SPORT 16V 3dr, gn53pzx, remote central locking, immobiliser, full leather, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, 16'' alloys, aluminium silver, 45000 miles, £5499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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SAAB

9-3, LINEAR TID 1.9, oct 2004 power steering, full service history, radio/cd player,, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, silver metallic, 32, 000 miles, £9,495, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE0

TOYOTA

AYGO, 2005, abs body coloured bumpers cloth seat trim drivers airbag folding rear seats full size spare wheel isofix child seat anchor points pas passenger airbag radio/cd rear headrests rear wiper remote central locking side airbags steel wheels steering wheel rake adjustment, grey, 25531 miles, £5495, WJ King Vauxhall, Rochester, 01634 723723 (TRADE)

TVR

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CORSA, 1.2DESIG, lv07bky, finished in silver with black interior, silver, 8000 miles, £8990, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CORSA, VXR TURBO, gx07pjy, finished in black with interior, black, 18000 miles, £13995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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I'm a tall, blonde half-Dutch woman, 27, love swimming, power-walking and music, festivals! Looking for a lovely man with GSOH, for something special! Box 893230 T P

CUDDLY
32yr old woman, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure. I enjoy having fun and a laugh, and WLTM nice, kind gent. Box 439402 T

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FUN-LOVING
attractive female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 T P

TAKE ME OUT
Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5ft8, dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more with. Box 438941 T

IN THE COUNTRY
Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265 T P

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Single mum of 2, 32, WLTM someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670 T

I'LL BE SEEING YOU
I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177 T P

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Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area. Wltm a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608 T

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Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 T P

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Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 T

ON A PLATE
Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking. WLTM male for fun and friendship. Box 895928 T

SANDY SEEKS DANNY
Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100 T

ALL THIS AND MORE
Attractive female, 45, slim-medium build, 5ft5, big brown eyes, brown hair, caring, loving, honest, seeking LTR with an honest, caring male to enjoy life with. Box 439367 T

LET'S TAKE A RIDE
Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTM gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397 T

HAPPY GO LUCKY
Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5ft6, with short brown hair, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTM similar guy. Box 895019 T

LIFE IS FOR LIVING!
Genuine, outgoing single mum, 48yr old, enjoys swimming, the outdoors and travelling, WLTM male to travel and enjoy life with. Take the plunge! Box 891011 T P

HUNK SOUGHT
Marlene, 48, blonde, medium build, likes 4x4s, the gym, quad-biking, a glass of wine, cinema, rugby/soccer/cricket, WLTM sincere youngish guy for friendship/companionship and who knows. Box 894117 T

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER
Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952 T

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 T

BLACK MAGIC
Loving black female, 49yr old, slim, enjoys cooking, dancing and socialising, WLTM a gentle man for a romantic relationship. Box 441839 T

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE
Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640 T

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
Bubbly, voluptuous, very warm-hearted, tactile woman, 49, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out and possible relationship. Box 440879 T

HERE WE GO
Young female, 50, 5ft5, slim, bubbly, outgoing, GSOH, loves animals, walks, eating out, nights in with wine, seeks genuine male 45-55 for friendship & more. Box 439607 T

JUST IMAGINE
Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 T

TRUE LOVE WAYS
Hair dresser, 5ft5, blonde female, 50yr old, enjoys keeping fit, walking and having a laugh, WLTM a tall, non smoking male with similar interests. Box 441607 T

CARING
professional female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100 T

LET'S SEE...
Hi I'm Sarah, 51, 5ft2, long dark hair, like cooking, going out, films, music, lots of interests! Seeking friendship, maybe something more later. Box 441193 T

CALL ME!
Considerate female, 51, 5ft5, slim, enjoys nights in/out, films, music, walking, WLTM romantic, genuine male, 49-54, with GSOH, for a long-term relationship. Box 440695 T

LOVING
happy go lucky, jovial, caring female, 51, 5'3", brown hair, hazel eyes, own business, WLTM nice, tall, good looking gent for laughter, life and love. Box 926614 T

IN MY SIGHTS
Lovely, curvaceous lady, 57yr old, enjoys visual arts and travelling, WLTM a genuine male, 50-69 for friendship and possibly romance. Box 441382 T

WALKS ALONG THE COAST
Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 T



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TAKE MY HAND
Honest, sincere female, 58, GSOH, enjoys the countryside, the coast, smoking, seeking tall, honest, sincere male for friendship first and possible relationship. Box 441662 T

GIVE & TAKE
Happy, contented, well-balanced lady, 58, 5ft4, medium build, not ugly(!), love the country, social life, pets, theatre, dining out, seeking similar male for mutual relationship. Box 441201 T P

COME BACK TO ME
Life-loving female, 63, 5ft4, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the beach, countryside, long walks, looking for sincere gent 50-62, N/S, for lasting happy partnership. Box 441687 T

LASTING HAPPINESS
Very attractive, caring, sensual female, 66, loves having fun, good conversation, the seaside, walks, meals, GSOH, seeking similar male for companionship. Box 441753 T

ANIMAL INSTINCTS
Slim, attractive, blonde lady, 68, loves the environment, gardening, reading, cinema, seeking tall gent, 55-65, presentable, similar interests, including love of animals. Box 441711 T

Women seeking women

CRAZY, CRAZY NIGHTS
Attractive, medium-built female, 23, 5ft3, blue eyes, enjoys crazy nights out and cosy nights in, WLTM female, 25-30, for friendship, perhaps relationship. Box 441718 T

CANDLELIT CUDDLES!
40-year-old woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks, cosy nights in, WLTM woman for friendship/relationship. Box 894541 T P

SENSUAL HEALING
49 years young female, genuine, 5ft2, medium build, blonde, looking to meet sensual, feminine lady, up to 55, with great figure, for sensual fun. Box 438851 T



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

HEY YOU
Laid-back male, 25, 6ft3, dark hair, slim, enjoys countryside walks, sports, martial arts, festivals, WLTM like-minded female for love. Box 441766 T

THE BIG ONE
Easy Tiger, 30, loves going out, cosy nights in, has fantastic SOH, a laugh a minute! Seeking a lady to have gr8 times with. Box 890526 T

ANY OFFERS?
Slim lorry driver, 31yr old, 5ft6, shaved head, enjoys keeping fit, motorcycles and socialising, WLTM a female with similar interests for a relationship. Box 441681 T

READY FOR LOVE
Stuart, 32, very shy but ready for love, 5ft8, slim, brown hair/eyes, cheeky and fun, love a laugh, music, film, seeking like-minded lady for love. Box 441777 T

START IT UP
Average-looking guy, 32, slim, tall, grey eyes, short hair, into regular things, pubs, restaurants, GSOH, WLTM similar-aged lady for fun evenings and possible LTR. Box 894163 T P

SECURITY AND WARMTH
I'm 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178 T P

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTM like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440 T

SOFA SO GOOD!
Medium-built male, 39, 5ft11, self-employed, enjoys eating out, walks and cuddles on the sofa, WLTM lady, 25-55, for friendship/romance. Ashford. Box 441715 T

LOVE TODAY
True and honest gentleman, 40, young-looking, fit, attractive, healthy, enjoys outdoor pursuits, travel, many interests, WLTM the one lady to be his soulmate forever. Box 441836 T

PICTURE THIS:
Open minded single guy, 28, 6ft, medium build, GSOH like films, music, sunshine and romance, the beach, looking for friendly lady to complete the jigsaw! Box 890914 T

A FRIENDLY FACE
Attractive, mixed race male, 41, 5ft10, likes chatting, good company, music and films. Looking for a friendly female, under 44, for a relationship. Box 890455 T P

PICTURE THIS
Nice guy, 40, enjoys life, having fun, going out, staying in, loves motor-sports, looking for a nice lady, to spend time with/more. Snodland Box 422668 T P

DO WE FIT TOGETHER?
Frank, 40, a carpenter, 6ft2, very down2earth, medium build, nervous! Seeking a female for friendship, companionship, maybe something more with the right person. Box 439853 T

BRING BACK LOVE
Hi I'm Nick, 41, 5ft11, enjoy cinema, eating out, golf, WLTM similar brown-haired female for good times and lots of fun, perhaps love. Box 440769 T

THE REAL THING
Happy-go-lucky, fun-loving male, 42, 5ft9, brown eyes, medium build, likes nights out/in with a can of coke, seeking similar female for companionship. Box 441762 T

THIS CHARMING MAN
Modest, sincere male, 43, active, outgoing, spontaneous and charming with GSOH, seeks funny and happy lady for companionship and hopefully more. Canterbury. Box 441705 T

DOWN TO MARGATE!
Young-looking, slim male, 43yr old, 5ft10, enjoys beach walks and cinema, WLTM a mature lady for a committed long term relationship. Margate Box 441706 T

ON MY OWN, ALONE, NO MORE
White male, 44, loving, kind, honest, GSOH, seeking female 28-50, race unimportant, for fun & laughter, perhaps more. Box 441695 T

LAVISH YOU WITH TLC
Loving, young-looking 44-year-old with a lot of TLC to give, enjoys pubs, clubs and socialising, WLTM special lady to share life with. Box 441661 T

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 T

LOVE A GOOD TIME
Caring male, 43, separated, seeks female for friendship, company, likes socialising and generally enjoying life, theatre, cinema. WLTM female for potential LT interest! Box 898705 T

TO SHARE MY LIFE
Active male, 44, 6'2", slim/medium, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 920903 T P

SUMMER LOVIN'
White male, 45, naughty but nice, WLTM black female, down-to-earth, someone to share the summer with, black music, beach life, BBQs, fishing, keeping fit, painting... Box 439940 T

HAND IN HAND ALONG THE BEACH
Genuine, honest caring bloke, 45, medium build, 5ft10, lots of love to give, loves sunsets, romance, cinema, seeking special lady to fall in love with. Box 441826 T

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE
Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinemas, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202 T

YOU FOR ME & ME FOR YOU...
Thoughtful, caring, divorced male, 47, athletic/muscular, black hair, enjoys concerts, walks on the beach and eating out, WLTM lady with similar characteristics for LTR. Box 441719 T

THE LOOK OF LOVE
Tall, slim male, 47, smart appearance, enjoys cooking, eating out and going to the cinema, WLTM a female, 40-50 for friendship and companionship. Box 441640 T

SOUND GOOD?
Hi there, I'm 47, 6ft, athletic, good-looking, divorced, own business, GSOH, love music, swimming, meals, cinema, theme parks! seeking slim-mish lady 30-45 for possible relationship... Box 439919 T

FRIENDSHIP & MORE...?
Young at heart 50yr old male after some company, GSOH, solvent and reliable, sincere, 5ft11, slimmish, short dark hair, grey eyes, loves life and laughter. Box 890345 T P

SIMPLE ENOUGH
Outgoing person, 51, who likes meeting new people and spending time with family and friends seeks girlfriend. Box 890421 T P

SMILES ON FACES
Kind male, 50, 5ft11, slim, N/S, two boys (19 and 16), likes eating out, visiting London, weekends! Looking for kind, caring lady. Looks not important. Box 425308 T P

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Fun-loving male, 52, likes going out, playing golf, motor cycles, socialising, visiting new places, WLTM an interesting female. Box 427713 T

WITH YOU FOREVER?
Hi, I'm 52, 5ft8, blond hair, blue eyes, separated, seeking a female, 40-50, that likes a laugh and good times, cinema, meals, to enjoy life! Box 440110 T

ALL GOOD THINGS
I'm 52, live & work Brighton, 5ft8, N/S, laidback, sociable, enjoy company, laughter, socialising, seeking similar lady to share the future and perhaps love with. Box 439133 T

LIKE A DREAM
Happy-go-lucky male, 53, 5'8", slim, enjoy life to the full, like the arts, looking for a nice, cheerful female to share happy times. Bexhill-on-sea Box 436702 T

SOULMATE FOR LIFE
Happy chappy, 53, medium build, blue eyes, 5ft10, non-smoking, seeking cheerful younger lady in Folkestone area who likes animals and outdoor life. Box 441779 T

ACTIVE & ATTRACTIVE
I'm 53, 5ft9, good-looking! Love sports, horses, animals generally, WLTM an honest, caring lady, preferably blonde & sporty, to get to know. Box 439298 T

PRETTY WOMAN
Separated Richard Gere look-alike, 56, enjoys cinema, dining out, walks and music. WLTM female for good conversation/companionship. Box 441671 T

LET'S FLY AWAY
Young 50s male, solvent, retired, would love to meet a lovely lady, for travel, interesting outings and mutual friendship. Box 427700 T

WHAT TAKES YOUR FANCY?
Youthful male, 60, 5ft5, medium build, likes eating out, staying in, seeking caring, honest, affectionate lady, for a LTR. Aylesford Box 427826 T

BE MINE?
Property developer, 62, travelled Europe and beyond, eclectic interests, romantic, sensitive, seeks attractive and intelligent female friend, confidante, travelling companion, soulmate. Box 892490 T P

A NICE WALK TOGETHER
Down to earth, loving male, 62, seeking young lady 57-60ish into walking, quiet times and good conversation for potential companionship. Box 441694 T

IN OPEN ARMS
Non-smoker with GSOH, 62, medium build, love animals, beach walks, home life, eating in/out, seeking female of any nationality for friendship/possible relationship. Box 441792 T

A COUNTRY ROMANCE
Non-smoking genuine male, 65, widowed, live in the country, love animals, walks, 60s music, WLTM female 56-63 for friendship, hopefully developing to more. Box 441848

A BRIGHTER FUTURE
65-year-old divorced male, own home/car. Thinks it's about time to settle again. Work at a local garage and have a good social life. Box 894412 T

IT TAKES TWO
66yr old down2earth gent, 5ft9, affectionate, fit, love dancing (no expert though!), theatre/art/music, WLTM similar caring lady 60-70 with GSOH for dancing lessons! Box 440144 T

Men seeking men

JOINED IN LOVE?
Good, down-to-earth guy, 46, green eyes, dark hair, slim, enjoys holidays, music, pubs, eating in & out, looking for a male 35-50 for companionship. Box 441106 T

RUGBY PLAYER BUILD
Tonbridge male, 47, brown hair, green eyes, GSOH, likes to keep fit, looking for a good, hopefully a lasting relationship Age/looks not important Box 428615 T

TO BUILD A FUTURE
Caring, happy, tactile man, 59, stocky build, seeks very effeminate person/TV 58-72 for relationship and lots of TLC. Tunbridge. Box 441818 T

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Tall, attractive, good-hearted African female, 28yr old, enjoys films, good food and cuddles, WLTM a white male for friendship and romance. Box 441654 T

ANOTHER GLASS?
28yr old female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft10, slim, attractive, GSOH, seeks nice gentleman for companionship and happy times. Box 440218 T

MUSIC TO OUR EARS
Outgoing female, 31, tall, skinny, like going out, eating out, socialising, walks, looking for a funny, blond gentleman with good looks for lasting companionship. Maidstone. Box 441023

PILLION DOLLAR BABE!
Slim lady, 31, 5ft9, shoulder-length dark hair, hazel eyes, loves having fun and meeting new people, enjoys superbikes, music, pubs, socialising with friends, keeping fit. Box 433131 T

WILD GIRL ON OFFER
Fun-loving, attractive female, 31, 5ft10, brown hair/eyes, size 8-10, GSOH, passionate about music, bikes and animals, seeking a caring, considerate male, who's into bikes Box 433134 T

ARE YOU MR RIGHT?
Single Mum, 30, 5ft2, short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437895 T

ALL IN GOOD TIME
Tall, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel; seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778 T

UNDER THE BOARDWALK
Black female, 32, 5ft8, likes cooking, reading, going out, WLTM a nice man 34-50, down2earth and fun to be with, to find out more. Box 438585 T

JAZZ FUSION
Single girl, hardworking, kind and caring, 32, brown hair/eyes, nice smile, looking to meet similar for let's see how it goes. Box 901072 T P

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041 T

R U THE 1?
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107 T P

ANIMAL MAGIC!
Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-38, for LTR. Box 440782 T

MADE FOR EACH OTHER?
Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 T

THE GENTLE LADY
Easygoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love and laughter. Box 437913 T

MEND A BROKEN HEART
Single mum of three, 37, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908053 T P

SEIZE THE DAY
Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 T

FEATHERED FRIENDS...
Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, birdwatching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619 T

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Ref. T1335
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Ref: T1328
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The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

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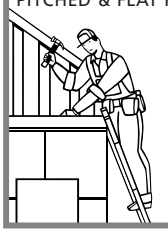
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Risk assessments are required for any premises in which five or more people are employed or where an enforcing authority requires it.

Directors can score a hole in one for charity

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Tests wave goodbye to contaminated sites

A KENT company is reporting successful results for the first-ever field tests of a ground-breaking technology aimed at cleaning up contaminated land so that it can be made ready for sale or development quicker than usual.

BY **TONY PATEY**

Ecologia, an award winning environmental consultancy and contractor which developed the clean-up technique, is currently using it at an old petrol station site in Manston, near Ramsgate.

The company, based at Kent Science Park, near Sittingbourne, uses the patented radio frequency technology to extract volatile chemicals from contaminated land – without the cost of removing the soil.

It drills holes into the soil then sinks radio antennae into the narrow shafts. Once in place, the antennae send out radio waves to heat the soil and stimulate the contaminants, which rise through the soil.

These gases are then removed using specially developed vacuum systems, and the air is filtered using activated charcoal.

Giacomo Maini, managing director, said: "Our technique is a win-win for the site owner and the environment, and great news for us as there are hundreds of disused petrol stations across the country waiting to be cleaned up.

"As our process takes in the region of only three months, the petrol retailer gains a clean site for future development or sale much quicker than other commercially available techniques using *in situ* methods, which can take approximately a year to complete.

"The technology is also commercially competitive in relation to the traditional removal and transportation of soil to landfill, which is fast becoming very expensive due to the recent increase in landfill tax and haulage costs.

"The environment benefits from the simple fact that companies no longer have to remove the contaminated soil and transport it to a hazardous waste landfill site.

"Our technique treats the problem on site, rather than effectively sweeping the problem under the carpet by moving it elsewhere, which is not environmentally sustainable.

"The results from this first ever field trial are incredibly positive and show we have a technology which can be commercially applied to removing contaminates from petrol stations."

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Park bowlers take a real hammering

SIBTON Park's 2nd XI bowlers took a hammering at the weekend as Harvel ran up a huge 305-5 from their 50 overs.

Only Shahid Rajput (3-50) and Gareth Meers (1-39) claimed any wickets as Harvel's Gary Whatman plundered an excellent unbeaten 119.

In reply, Sibton reached 210-7 from their 50 overs as Harvel claimed a winning draw.

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Alan Julian looks to displace Simon Royce as the Gills' number one stopper

Tense climax as battling last pair shut out attack

FOLKESTONE came agonisingly close to claiming a win against Broadstairs but failed to take the last wicket to earn maximum points.

After being put into bat, Folkestone struggled early on with Stuart Wisemand claiming the early wickets of Himanshu Waingankar and Sher Khanagha.

However, former Kent Schoolboys' batsman Craig Coleman steadied the ship with an important knock of 83 from 109 balls that included 11 boundaries.

He put on 87 with Laurence Ward (49) before he became one of five wickets for Andrew Marshall as the last five Folkestone batsmen fell for a disappointing 16 runs to finish 186 all out.

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

In reply, Broadstairs lost wickets at regular intervals as their attitude changed from looking to win the game to just trying to survive.

Captain Neil Brennan top scored with 23 as none of the Broadstairs batters could deal with the lively Folkestone attack. Michael James claimed figures of 3-16 while Luke Samarasinghe took miserly figures of 1-10 off 11 which included eight maidens. The last pair of Wisemand and Marshall could not be broken and Folkestone had to make do with a winning draw.



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JUST SURVIVING: Broadstairs struggled to stave off Folkestone's bowlers

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Folkestone CC – 1st XI v Broadstairs CC – 1st XI

Folkestone

	Runs
Samarasinghe ct Kidd b Narraway	32
Waingankar ct Kidd b Wisemand	4
Sher Khanagha ct Kidd b Wisemand	1
Craig Coleman ct Cooper b Marshall	83
Stewart Graham ct Kidd b Narraway	7
Laurence Ward st Brennanb Marshall	49
Daniel Clark ct Wisemand b Marshall	0
Andy Bray b Marshall	6
Luke Sage b Marshall	0
John Champion run out	0
Michael James not out	1
Extras (2lb 1w)	3
Total (all out, 49.4 overs)	186

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Stuart Wisemand	10	3	26	2
Bradley Ellison	8	1	29	0
Scott Narraway	8	0	43	2
Chris Kidd	15	2	49	0
Andrew Marshall	8.4	0	37	5

Broadstairs

	Runs
David Cooper ct Graham b James	6
Andrew Bailey lbw b James	4
Michael Ross lbw b James	13
Scott Narraway ct Graham b Coleman	16
Neil Brennan b Champion	23
Zane Lagerdien run out	4
Bradley Ellison lbw b Samarasinghe	2
Chris Kidd lbw b Champion	1
Stuart Wisemand not out	10
Ashley Ellison b Waingankar	3
Andrew Marshall not out	0
Extras (6b 1lb 6w 6nb)	19
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	101

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andy Bray	6	0	28	0
Michael James	8	3	16	3
Sher Khanagha	8	1	19	0
Craig Coleman	9	6	5	1
L Samarasinghe	11	8	10	1
John Champion	6	2	10	2
H Waingankar	2	0	6	1

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sibton Park CC – 1st XI v Orpington CC – 1st XI

SIBTON'S bowlers were unable to claim the final Orpington wicket that would have earned them a victory on Saturday. They had the visitors struggling at 139-9 but an unbroken stand between Richard Hall and Christopher Watts meant Sibton finished with a winning draw.

The home side reached a competitive 194-8 from their 50 overs, with several batsmen getting a good start but failing to reach a half century. Steve Hobbs (36), Ben Allon (32) and George Leadbetter (35) all got going but three run outs didn't help the cause. All five Sibton Park bowlers claimed a wicket but the final one remained elusive.

Sibton Park

		Runs
Steve Hickmott	run out	13
Andy Allon	run out	30
Christopher Spring	lbw b Bradford	2
Steve Hobbs	lbw b Ingram	36
Ben Allon	ct Sheddon b Schmidt	32
George Leadbetter	run out	35
Martin Wren	ct Hall b Schmidt	11
John Osborne	not out	14
Chris Heath	b Schmidt	1
Sam Newman	not out	1
Trevor Lewis	did not bat	
Extras	(1b 12lb 3w 3nb)	19
Total	(8 wickets, 50 overs)	194

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Wessels Wolmarans	15	2	40	0
Neil Bradford	15	4	30	1
Stephen Ingram	7	0	36	1
Paul Schmidt	10	1	60	3
Christopher Watts	3	0	15	0

Orpington

		Runs
Paul Sheddon	ct Spring b Allon	28
Prince Sterling	b Allon	36
Brendan Lyon	st Hobbs b Heath	8
Wessels Wolmarans	lbw b Allon	8
David Robinson	ct Osborne b Lewis	21
Paul Schmidt	run out	2
Christopher Watts	not out	13
Alex Watts	lbw b Lewis	0
Neil Bradford	b Spring	8
Stephen Ingram	b Newman	12
Richard Hall	not out	16
Extras	(1b 5w 8nb)	14
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs)	166

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Trevor Lewis	11	5	27	2
Chris Heath	15	4	45	1
Andy Allon	14	4	47	3
Christopher Spring	5	2	18	1
Sam Newman	5	0	28	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Hythe CC – 1st XI v Hayes CC – 1st XI

HYTHE comprehensively beat Hayes by five wickets at the weekend. A stunning 95 from Leon Morgan and a composed 54 not out from captain Dan Furnival helped Hythe reach their target of 220 with seven overs to spare.

Hayes made a very competitive 219-8 from their 50 overs, but were pegged back from making a bigger score by Ben Dwyer (4-60) and Dan Large (2-49).

Hythe then cruised to victory for the loss of just five wickets as all five Hayes bowlers were treated with disdain by the home side's batsmen.

Hayes

		Runs
James Bamber	ct Owen b Large	5
Daniel Rees	ct Duncombe b Dwyer	28
Jamie Askew	b Large	42
Oliver Williams	b Hamish Morrison	26
Martin Pratt	b Dwyer	23
Adam Dicker	run out	22
Beau Couldrey	not out	28
Peter Huttly	lbw b Dwyer	0
Andrew O'Rourke	b Dwyer	0
Andy Jackson	not out	19
Andrew Eddicott	did not bat	
Extras	(7b 7lb 6w 6nb)	26
Total	(8 wickets, 50 overs)	219

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Trevor Squire	3	0	13	0
Dan Large	13	2	49	2
Patrick Owen	5	1	17	0
Ben Dwyer	14	1	60	4
Hamish Morrison	12	1	45	1
Ashley Couchman	3	0	21	0

Hythe

		Runs
Jon Smith	ct Pratt b Eddicott	12
Leon Morgan	ct Jackson b Eddicott	95
Trevor Squire	ct Rees b O'Rourke	0
Hamish Morrison	ct Williams b Jackson	29
Dan Furnival	not out	54
Richard Chappell	ct Pratt b O'Rourke	12
Ben Dwyer	not out	15
Patrick Owen	did not bat	
Dan Large	did not bat	
Christopher Duncombe	did not bat	
Ashley Couchman	did not bat	
Extras	(4b 2nb)	6
Total	(5 wickets, 43.3 overs)	223

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andrew O'Rourke	13	0	60	2
Andrew Eddicott	12	0	66	2
Andy Jackson	6	0	32	1
Jamie Askew	6.3	0	37	0
James Bamber	6	0	24	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1A

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare – 1st XI v New Ash Green – 1st XI

IT WAS a family affair for Betteshanger CW as they recorded a comprehensive nine-wicket victory over New Ash Green at the weekend.

Andrew McNicholas claimed outstanding figures of 5-29 and was backed up by brother Michael (2-10) as New Ash Green were bowled out for 175 in 46 overs. The score never looked enough on a good batting track and despite losing Clive Towe for a duck, the Betteshanger batsmen cruised home inside 33 overs.

Liam Collins plundered an excellent unbeaten 94 as he put on a match-winning partnership of 178 with Chris Garton (69 not out).

New Ash Green

		Runs
Matt Scanlan	ct A McNicholas b J Towe	0
Martin Pickering	ct Cheesman b A McNicholas	16
Rushabh Shah	b A McNicholas	29
Graeme Poole	b A McNicholas	0
Vic Mayers	b M McNicholas	4
David Baker	lbw b M McNicholas	0
Andy Mayers	ct D Towe b Collins	19
Matt Dehaney	b Collins	60
Adam Reeves	st Cheesman b A McNicholas	13
Mick Sumner	not out	11
Matthew Bushe	b A McNicholas	0
Extras	(2b 6lb 7w 8nb)	23
Total	(all out , 46 overs)	175

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Jamie Towe	7	4	21	1
Steven King	4	0	22	0
Clive Towe	10	1	44	0
Andrew McNicholas	10	3	29	5
Michael McNicholas	6	2	10	2
Steve McNicholas	3	0	19	0
Liam Collins	6	1	22	2

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

		Runs
Clive Towe	b Mick Sumner	0
Liam Collins	not out	94
Chris Garton	not out	69
Jamie Towe	did not bat	
Andrew McNicholas	did not bat	
Martin Cheesman	did not bat	
Derek Towe	did not bat	
Michael McNicholas	did not bat	
Darren Fletcher	did not bat	
Steve McNicholas	did not bat	
Steven King	did not bat	
Extras	(4b 5lb 2w 4nb)	15
Total	(1 wickets, 32.1 overs)	178

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Mick Sumner	11	1	41	1
Matt Dehaney	5	0	23	0
Andy Mayers	4	0	25	0
Matt Scanlan	7	1	27	0
Vic Mayers	4	0	26	0
Rushabh Shah	1.1	0	27	0

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION – 2ND XI

Sandwich Town CC – 2nd XI v St Lawrence & Highland Court 2nd XI

A PARTNERSHIP of 145 between Mark Baldock and Vishaul Singh won the match for Sandwich Town 2nd XI on Saturday.

The visitors scored a very competitive 230-9 from their 50 overs, despite Liam Evans' 4-56 and Singh's 4-58. However, after losing David Scoggins for ten and Gavin Lawrence for 28, Baldock (84 not out) and Singh (78 not out) set about the Canterbury side's bowlers and cantered to victory by a comprehensive eight wickets with seven overs to spare.

The win moves Sandwich out the relegation zone in the Premier Division.

St Lawrence & Highland Court

		Runs
Paul Reynolds	b L Evans	34
Matthew Feeney	b L Evans	42
James Fowle	st Lawrence b Singh	55
Tom Shaw	ct D Evans b L Evans	4
Chris Plowman	run out	5
Justin Grant	ct L Evans b Singh	27
Percy Mellar	not out	31
James Rodway	st Lawrence b Singh	10
Philip Kelly	lbw b Singh	3
Saif Qahar	b L Evans	3
Matthew Pickard	not out	2
Extras	(1b 4lb 3w 6nb)	14
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs)	230

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Evans	14	1	70	0
John Wickham	7	0	32	0
Connor Summers	6	1	9	0
Liam Evans	11	1	56	4
Vishaul Singh	12	0	58	4

Sandwich Town

		Runs
David Scoggins	lbw b Grant	10
Mark Baldock	not out	84
Gavin Lawrence	ct Fowle b Plowman	28
Vishaul Singh	not out	78
Daniel Evans	did not bat	
Dean Scoggins	did not bat	
Graham Lawrence	did not bat	
Connor Summers	did not bat	
John Wickham	did not bat	
Liam Evans	did not bat	
Extras	(13b 3lb 4w 11nb)	31
Total	(2 wickets, 43 overs)	231

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Justin Grant	11	1	59	1
Percy Mellar	12	2	44	0
James Rodway	4	0	21	0
Chris Plowman	8	2	31	1
Philip Kelly	2	0	13	0
Matthew Feeney	2	0	16	0
Saif Qahar	3	0	26	0
Matthew Pickard	1	0	5	0

Hectic times for new-look Seasiders

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

A NEW-LOOK Folkestone Invicta begin preparations for the new campaign when they return to pre-season training this week.

The Cheriton Road club have been busier than most since relegation from the Ryman Premier in April.

With eight players moving on, seven arriving and two promising youngsters promoted to the first team from the youth set-up, when the season kicks off next month the team will be scarcely recognisable from last season's line-up.

Long-serving Invicta boss Neil Cugley admitted he had not experienced such a hectic close season in his time at the club, but added he was still looking to add to his squad.

He said: "I still need a forward and a goalkeeper to cover for Charlie Mitten.

"Most of the business is done, but we have a couple of other things to sort out in pre-season.

"It's been very unusual with so many coming and going, but it's nearly all done and we have most of the players we wanted."

One issue still unresolved is the future of Leigh Bremner. The club are keen to retain the striker but have yet to agree a deal.

Of the players to come into the squad for next season, Cugley is particularly pleased with his latest signing, former Gravesend and Northfleet captain Lee Gledhill.

The Invicta boss said: "Lee's very experienced and a good professional. He can play different positions – we have quite a few players like that which we need because we're not going to have a massive squad."

The side begin thrice-weekly training sessions this week as they bid to peak when the season kicks off on August 9.

They will be put through their paces by ex-Army instructor Lee Dyson and new assistant manager Scott Lindsey, both of whom are former Seasiders.



NEW DEAL? Invicta striker Leigh Bremner's future is still unresolved

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FOOTBALL

Sponsorship deal close for Whites

DOVER Athletic chairman Jim Parmenter believes the club is close to announcing a new sponsor.

The chairman was disappointed that last season's sponsor SeaFrance was unable to continue for the new term. However, he has welcomed new interest from other companies keen to sponsor the Whites.

Parmenter told the club website: "We are very near to agreeing a deal with a new sponsor. We are talking to a well-known firm and hope to be in a position to make an announcement during the week."

The chairman has backed manager Andy Hessenthaler to bring in two more faces ahead of the new campaign.

"Andy's got his budget and there's still some money left for him to bring one or two more players in," Parmenter said.

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A look at the London Golf Club as it prepares for the European Open

Kapil Dev makes return to Tunbridge Wells and recalls his record knock

ONE of the world's legendary all-rounders made a return to a Kent ground this week, 25 years after scoring the fastest-ever one-day century at the 1983 World Cup.

Indian Kapil Dev blasted an unbeaten 175 from 138 balls in the semi-final win over Zimbabwe at the Nevill Ground in Tunbridge Wells. His century off 72 balls was the world record at the time and helped his team recover from 17-5 to go on and win the game and then the final.

The all-rounder, voted Indian cricketer of the century in 2002, remembers the ground fondly, mainly because it helped towards the highlight of his career.

He said: "It is fantastic to be back at Tunbridge Wells and you can't imagine that this was the ground that I got the record.

"I do not have much memory of the ground as we were in such a panic situation from the start.

"Winning that World Cup was my fondest memory because at the time it brought kids in India back into cricket. I think the problem in this country is that people turn to football rather than cricket. I think there should be more people like Ian Botham as they are heroes and they would encourage more young people into the sport."

CRICKET

EXCLUSIVE

BY GLENN PEARSON

Chairman

The 49-year-old is now chairman of the executive board of the Indian Cricket League (ICL) – a Twenty20 competition which hit the headlines because it offers cricketers a chance to earn money similar to that enjoyed by footballers.

Kapil says Twenty20 has breathed life back into cricket. With billions of pounds being pumped into the sport in India and stadiums packed with supporters wanting to watch a three-hour, 20-over game, Kapil sees it as a revolution that will change the image of the sport around the world.

"There is no sport in this world that can survive without the spectator," he said.

"If the spectator loves it, then it is a great game. The same was said when one-day cricket and day/night cricket came out, with older generations of players believing it would harm Test cricket.

"Let's look on the positive side – I hope Twenty20 gives something back to the one-day game because maybe in the future teams will score 400 runs in a 50-over game."

Kapil, who was the world's leading wicket-taker in Test matches between 1994 and 1999, is a big fan of the modern game.

Although his swashbuckling style would have been perfect for the shorter forms of the game, he is amazed by the ability of the current crop of international cricketers.



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BEST: Dev was voted India's cricketer of the century in 2002

"The game has moved on quite a bit since I last played. There is a lot of innovation with these new shots being played.

"When I played, hitting over the cover area was the biggest thing – now we have the 'switch hit' shot and reverse sweeps and paddle sweeps. It seems every cricketer comes up with something new."

While he enjoys watching Sachin Tendulkar, Andrew Flintoff and Kevin Pietersen in action, there is still one player he regards as a true great.

"Viv Richards," he said. "He was the greatest entertainer and had a way of playing in which he would take charge on the field.

"In our own country, Sunil Gavaskar gave us all belief of how to play fast bowling when you don't have any fast bowlers in the country.

"I didn't see Gary Sobers playing and I didn't see Sir Don Bradman playing, so I can't comment on them, but Viv Richards from our time was just the best.

"A man of his talents would love any form of the game, including Twenty20."

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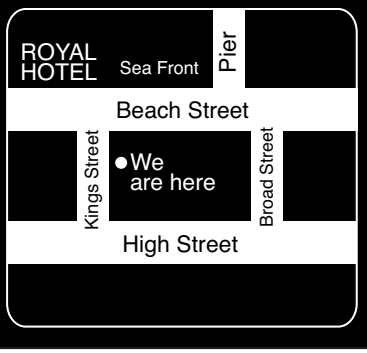
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